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## Celebrity Buzz

**Fame takes toll on LiLo**

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# Heroic pet parrot

**AWARD** A parrot whose cries of alarm alerted his owner when a little girl in Denver, Col., choked on her breakfast has been honoured as a hero.

Willie (bottom), a Quaker parrot, has been given the local Red Cross chapter's Animal Lifesaver Award.

Willie got his award during a "Breakfast of Champions" event Friday.

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## NHL **Blue victory**

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Toronto Maple Leafs Phil Oreskovic, right, from Brampton, celebrates with Ian White, centre, and Nikolai Kulemin after scoring his first NHL goal last night against the Washington Capitals. The Leafs beat the Capitals 3-2 in a shootout at the ACC. Story, pg 18.

# Havoc or hoax?

A malicious cyber worm could wreak havoc on millions of potentially infected computers April 1 — or it could all be one big April Fool's joke.

But the Canadian Internet Registration Authority isn't taking any chances when it comes to the latest variant of the Conficker worm.

CIRA, which manages Canada's .ca domain name registry, warned yesterday millions of computers running Microsoft's operating system may have been infected since the worm began spreading last fall.

**"This worm is quite smart."** Byron Holland

Beginning April 1, the worm is expected to force infected computers to randomly generate and connect to 50,000 web URLs per day from 110 domains around the world, including .ca domains.

"This worm is quite smart," said Byron Holland, CIRA's president and CEO.

"What it does (is) it creates a smokescreen by generating a random list of many tens of thousands of domain names, among which the single domain name is associated with (a) command-and-control computer."

It's not known what — if anything — the worm's creators have in mind. They might overwhelm the Internet with spam, monitor keyboard strokes to collect passwords and banking information or delete files on a person's computer.

CIRA worked with security experts around the globe to "reverse engineer" the worm so they could find out which sites it will generate, Holland said.

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# Targeting tickets

## Legislation to be introduced to deal with resale website

**The controversial website TicketsNow will be targeted in Ontario with a new law prohibiting entertainment colossus Ticketmaster from allowing tickets to events in the province from being resold on the site.**

The province geared up for the fight against Ticketmaster after it asked the company to stop the practice, but was rebuffed, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

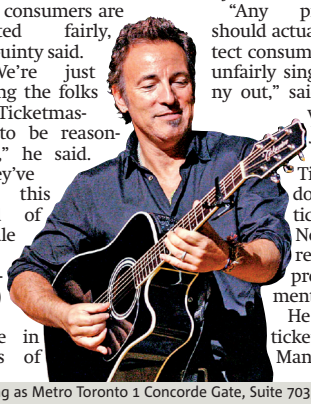
"We thought that they might, of their own accord, accept our request to do what we believe is the right thing in the circumstances," McGuinty said.

"It appears that we're going to have to introduce legislation, and that's what we're prepared to do."

Ticketmaster has been facing a growing backlash from consumers and artists opposed to its ownership of TicketsNow, where tickets are often sold for many times their face value.

Ontario wants to make sure consumers are treated fairly, McGuinty said.

"We're just asking the folks at Ticketmaster to be reasonable," he said. "They've put this kind of (resale restriction) in place in parts of the U.S. now."



Ticketmaster said yesterday TicketsNow should be treated the same as every other resale site and broker, and complained the company is unfairly being targeted by the Ontario government.

"Any proposed law should actually seek to protect consumers rather than unfairly single one company out," said Ticketmaster vice-president Joe Freeman.

Freeman said Ticketmaster does not divert tickets to TicketsNow nor give the resale site any preferential treatment.

He also confirmed tickets for events in Manitoba and Alberta are not offered for resale on TicketsNow because of laws in those provinces.

"We have acted in good faith compliance with existing laws in every jurisdiction in which we operate," Freeman said.

Ticketmaster purchased TicketsNow last year for $265 million US, and takes a cut of every ticket resold through TicketsNow in addition to the original service charges it levies when tickets are first sold.

Two class-action lawsuits have been filed in Canada against Ticketmaster, and Industry Minister Tony Clement announced this month that the federal Competition Bureau was looking at the company's policies.

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Medication lost near Danforth and Victoria Park avenues Sunday morning could prove fatal if consumed by a child, Toronto police warn. Syringes of Fragmin blood thinners, along with Clarazepam and Valparic pills, are included in the lost medication, Toronto police said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Local

## Listeria testing program delayed

Canada's food safety watchdog has quietly delayed a crucial element of its new listeria-monitoring program, according to an internal memo obtained by the Toronto Star and the CBC. Inspectors for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency started testing in food plants in February, looking for traces of the deadly bacteria in poultry and ready-to-eat meats. But the testing has been put on hold until next month after some inconsistencies were found in the initial tests, and because the inspectors have yet to receive proper training. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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### Music

Musicians are choosing to go green by planning tours that promote conservation and by packaging their releases with recycled materials.

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These results are not official.

# Terrorism conviction upheld

## Judge rules that RCMP informant did not act inappropriately

**A paid RCMP mole who was instrumental in thwarting a domestic terrorist plot acted appropriately despite defence claims he had committed criminal acts, a judge ruled yesterday.**

Ontario Superior Court Justice John Sproat dismissed defence arguments that police informant Mubin Shaikh had entrapped the young man.

"There is no suggestion that it was Shaikh who provided the opportunity to (the youth) to commit the acts which resulted in him being found guilty," Sproat said in his 51-page decision.

**"The evidence is overwhelming that (the youth) would have committed the offence if he had never come into contact with Shaikh."**
Justice John Sproat

"The evidence is overwhelming that (the youth) would have committed the offence if he had never come into contact with Shaikh."

The ruling in the case of the first person to stand trial among the so-called "Toronto 18" meant a finding of guilt became a conviction.

The youth, who was 17 at the time of his offences and cannot be named, was found guilty in September of helping and taking part in a terrorist organization.

However, the judge agreed to hold off registering a formal conviction pending the outcome of defence arguments that their client was a victim of inappropriate behaviour by Shaikh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Paid RCMP informant Mubin Shaikh gives the thumbs-up signal yesterday as he speaks outside a Brampton courtroom. A judge ruled Shaikh had not entrapped or carried out criminal acts in infiltrating the "Toronto 18."

# Two people die in apartment fire

**TRAGEDY** Two people, including a young boy, have died after being pulled from a highrise apartment fire in Toronto.

The child, believed to be four years old, and a woman were among four people rushed to hospital with vital signs absent and suffering from smoke inhalation.

Police say both the child and the woman succumbed to their injuries. Two adult women were in critical condition.

The fire in the city's northwest end broke out just before 6 p.m. and forced the evacuation of the building.

Toronto Fire Services District Chief Stephan Powell said they searched every floor, and residents on unaffected floors were allowed to return to their apartments. "The building is now basically clear of dangerous carbon monoxide," Powell said.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office was called in to investigate and a Toronto transit bus was brought in as a makeshift shelter in front of the building at Weston Road, just south of Highway 401.

Powell couldn't comment on what caused the fire or what the scene looked like when firefighters arrived.

Staff Sgt. Brian Bowman of Toronto police said it appeared the emergency call may have come from one of the victims. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# McGuinty ignores poaching

**RULING** Premier Dalton McGuinty shrugged off concerns yesterday that Saskatchewan's cash-infused efforts to lure graduates west will exacerbate Ontario's economic woes by poaching its best and brightest.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall is headed to Ontario next week to offer college and university graduates up to $20,000 if they move to his province and stay for at least seven years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

**RULING** A Superior Court judge yesterday ordered a mental health evaluation of the teenage girl found guilty of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of Stefanie Rengel.

**CLOSING** Outback Steakhouse Canada has closed all of its doors in Ontario, citing the impact of a weaker Canadian dollar and a slowing economy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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**Residents evacuated after gas leak**

Businesses were closed and homes in the Queen Street East and Pape Avenue area evacuated as a gas leak was contained yesterday morning. Enbridge workers and Toronto fire services were already on the scene, and the leak was contained and cleared, police said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Toronto artist honoured

## Governor General's Awards reconnect two old friends

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

**Forty years ago, Nobuo Kubota made a decision that changed his life.**

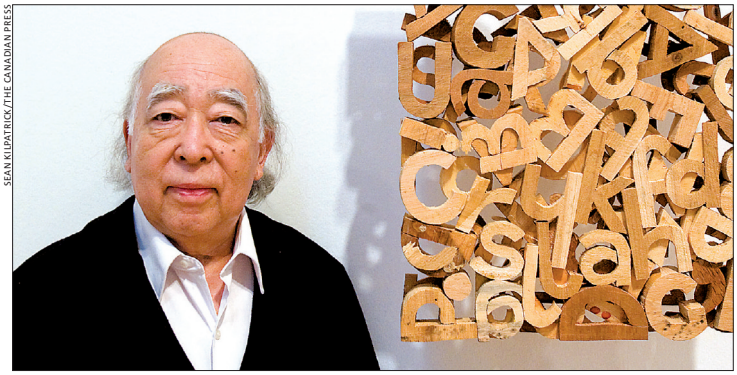
Already an architect for 10 years, the Vancouver native decided to dedicate himself to art and music instead.

He told his parents.

"They weren't pleased," he said.

His mom asked him why he couldn't be more like Raymond Moriyama, a fellow architect who is also the son of a longtime family friend.

Yesterday, the men had more in common than Kubota's mom could ever have imagined as both were among the nine laureates of the 2009 Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts, honoured at the National Gallery of Canada.



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Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts winner Nobuo Kubota is seen with his work, Phonic Slice, 2000, at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa yesterday.

"I told (Moriyama) the story yesterday," said Kubota, a 77-year-old Toronto resident. "And we had a good laugh about it."

Looking back on the past 40 years, Kubota said he "could think of no better way to spend my life."

A Toronto architect responsible for the Canadian War Museum, the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto, the National Museum of Saudi Arabia and the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, Moriyama has won hundreds of awards, but called the Governor General's award "an honour."

The Canada Council for the Arts-funded awards recognize career achievements in and outstanding contributions to the visual and media arts.

# Premier considering harmonizing taxes

**SALES** Ottawa has been pushing for it, four other provinces have done it, and now Premier Dalton McGuinty isn't ruling out merging the Ontario and federal sales taxes when his government tables its fiscal plan for combatting the global recession.

A merger of the GST and provincial sales tax would increase the price of some goods for consumers, McGuinty acknowledged yesterday.

Still, he said voters would eventually understand and cited his government's controversial health tax — contained in the 2004 budget despite a solemn election vow not to raise taxes — as an example of an unpopular but necessary measure.

**Precedent**

- Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador have already harmonized their sales taxes with the GST.

"What Ontarians want us to do is to do what's right," McGuinty said ahead of tomorrow's budget. "I don't think that we've been put in a position of government to choose what's easy."

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce has estimated merging the taxes would save companies about $100 million per year, but acknowledges the price of some household goods would increase in the short term. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Keeping budget details under wraps a thing of the past

**UNVEILING** With the tradition of budget secrecy giving way to governments releasing details in advance to highlight the positive while simply getting the bad news out of the way, Ontario residents already know the province will commit billions to stimulus spending while racking up a massive deficit.

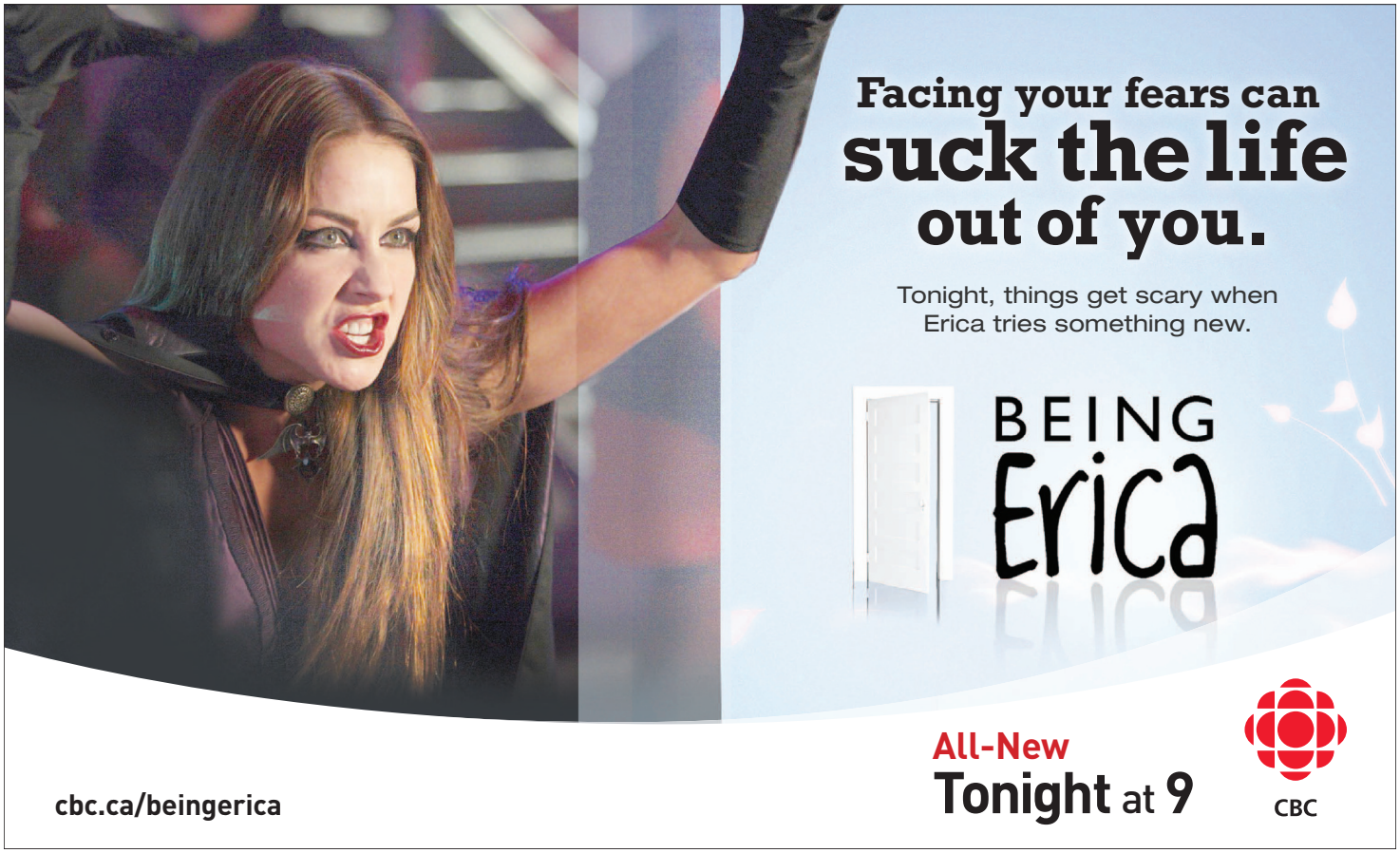
Details of an $18-billion deficit over two years, the $27.5-billion price tag for infrastructure, and a potential $1.3-billion bailout payment to automakers have done nothing to dampen demands for help in tomorrow's provincial budget.

Despite the big-ticket items already being outlined by province — a practice once unheard of — interest groups will still be looking for more. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

**SUSPICIOUS** The fire marshal is investigating a suspicious blaze in a downtown apartment that sent a 42-year-old to hospital with smoke inhalation Monday night. More than 10 emergency vehicles arrived at an Elm Street apartment building, just north of Yonge and Dundas streets, around 11:20 p.m., where they found flames tearing through a fifth-floor unit.

**TRIAL** Toronto entertainment impresario Garth Drabinsky and former business partner Myron Gottlieb learn today whether they have been convicted of fraud and forgery at Livent Inc., the award-winning theatre company they founded. Drabinsky, 59, and Gottlieb, 65, have pleaded not guilty to two counts of fraud over $5,000 and one of forgery. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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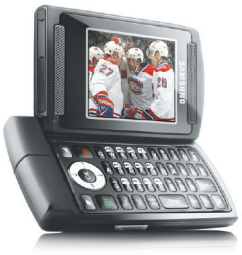

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**Innisfil domestic disputes result in seizure of 35 guns**

Twenty-one guns were seized from an Innisfil home Sunday after cops were called to an argument between two men. On Monday, 14 legal firearms were confiscated after a man threatened his ex-wife. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Friends and clothes

## Swishing parties all the rage in economic downturn

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

**If you find yourself invited to a Swishing party, don't expect to be going home with anybody's husband.**

But you might just go home with someone's jeans.

The term Swishing, coined in the U.K. in 2007 by Futerra, a sustainability communications agency, is used to describe clothes-swapping parties that are all the rage as the economic downturn wears on.

Technically, to "swish" means to rustle, as in silk.

But in this context, it means to rustle clothes from friends, says Lucy Shea, founder of Swishing.org and director at Futerra Sustainability Communications.

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Leigh-ann Ingram, second from left, and Michelle Balcers, second from right, sort through items at a clothes-swapping party.

Michelle Balcers, a Toronto resident, says clothes-swapping fêtes are a great way to freshen up your wardrobe without opening your wallet. The 39-year-old is far ahead of her time on the trend: She said she has been hosting clothes-swapping events since her university days.

"We would have informal swaps in apartments and dorm rooms," she said.

These days, Balcers is involved in hosting or attending at least two clothes-swaps a year and said they usually involve generous amounts of wine, some sort of potluck food arrangement and, of course, bags full of clothes.

Leigh-Ann Ingram has attended many of Balcers' swapping parties and said swappers can really luck out sometimes.

She brought an almost new designer coat to one event that didn't fit her properly, but fit one of the swappers like a glove.

For details on how to organize your own Swishing party, visit www.Swishing.org.

Local clothes-swap party events are posted on blogTO.com and Facebook.

Riding the **Recession**

## Car dealers see small sales increase

After suffering through at least three consecutive months of horrendous sales, some General Motors dealerships have seen a noticeable improvement this month.

But auto dealers say consumer confidence is still at historical lows, and their trade association is calling on the government to do more to stimulate sales.

John Carmichael, chairman and chief executive of City Buick Pontiac Cadillac Ltd. in Toronto, says his sales were off by a "very, very painful" 25 to 35 per cent in December, January and February compared with the year-earlier months.

**"March has the appearance of being a bit stronger and it looks like there's a bit of a rebound happening. That is encouraging."**
Auto dealer John Carmichael

"Now March has the appearance of being a bit stronger, and it looks like there's a bit of a rebound happening. That is encouraging," Carmichael said in an interview.

Sam Alaimo, president of Roy Foss Chevrolet in Woodbridge, said he has also seen an improvement. With traffic in his showroom up 25 per cent in March compared to February, he expects to sell more cars this month than he did a year ago.

But Alaimo said consumer caution is still apparent. March sales seem to be concentrated on what he called "core vehicles."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Dogs fall ill in latest poisoning

**ANIMALS** Police say at least three dogs have been sickened by tainted cupcakes left on the ground in a park in Port Perry, north of Oshawa.

Durham Region police were called to Poplar Park at about 11:30 p.m. Monday after three dog owners had taken their dogs to an animal clinic.

The dogs had ingested some cupcakes left near a tree and became sick.

Police say a veterinarian believes the animals ingested a poison like anti-freeze

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## General Motors estimates $1B in savings through workforce restructuring

**INDUSTRY** General Motors will save $1 billion annually through changes to its business and salaried workforce cuts in Canada and another $1 billion in future legacy costs — mainly pension and health-care payments — through a deal with the CAW.

In a letter to a parliamentary sub-committee charged with studying the auto industry, GM Canada president Arturo Elias said the company has taken "unprecedented" steps to reduce its costs.

He added that the company's executive and white-collar employees have also made sacrifices. The company's executives have taken a 10 per cent salary cut, there will be no bonuses this year and all salaried employees have seen "very significant benefit reductions."

GM must submit finalized restructuring plans to the government by the end of March. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Ontario teen diagnosed with tuberculosis**
The Windsor-Essex Health Unit says a Windsor high school student has tested positive for tuberculosis. The student, who attends Forester High School, is undergoing treatment and not attending classes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Students need help: Group

**The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is calling on Ottawa to ease the debt burden for people who are graduating in tough economic times with limited job prospects. The alliance argues the student financial-aid system should be more accessible and that tariffs on imported books need to be eliminated. Students graduating from a four-year program carry an average of $24,000 in debt.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 'It's a catastrophe right now'

## Employment insurance system was unprepared for demand, opposition charges

**Opposition parties say thousands of Canadians are being denied needed employment insurance benefits because the federal government was slow in getting the system ready for the massive demand.**

The criticism was made yesterday after Human Resources Minister Diane Finley announced a $60-million program to hire more workers to help speed delivery of EI cheques.

Diane Finley

Finley told reporters the department has already brought back retired staff and reassigned others from other departments to meet the higher load of applicants.

She insisted that, so far, the department is meeting the target of processing at least 80 per cent of applications within 28 days.

That drew immediate reaction from the opposition parties, who said every member of Parliament has been flooded with calls from constituents complaining about delays in receiving their benefits.

NDP finance critic Thomas Mulcair said Finley's assertions are untrue.

"Ask any one of the 307 other members of Parliament and you will be told the same thing," Mulcair said.

"It's a catastrophe right now administratively (and) what she is proposing right now is a Band-Aid solution."

Liberal, NDP and Bloc Quebecois MPs attacked the government for failing to prepare adequately for the hundreds of thousands who have lost their jobs in the past four months and hundreds of thousands more expected to join the ranks of the unemployed this year.

They have called for major changes to the system because many part-time and self-employed workers are not eligible for benefits.

Liberal MP Michael Savage noted that Statistics Canada reported 23,700 more Canadians had applied for benefits in January, a month when 129,000 jobs vanished.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Most mothers happy with maternity experience: Study

**HEALTH** Canadian mothers are overwhelmingly satisfied with their maternity experience, according to a benchmark survey that suggests medically unnecessary birthing procedures may be flourishing.

The national maternity study by the Public Health Agency of Canada found that Canadian women appear to be receiving more ultrasounds and fetal monitoring than needed.

Other procedures that should not be the norm — including episiotomies, inducing labour and speeding labour — were also routinely reported, in addition to old-fashioned practices that aren't supported by clinical evidence, such as stirrups, shaving and enemas.

The study of 6,421 women — all interviewed between five and 14 months after giving birth — is the first of its kind in Canada and provides a baseline of data on more than 300 questions. The survey took place from October 2006 through January 2007.

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## Peterborough **A roof over their heads**

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Agent Enid Hannon comforts Jack, a three-year-old Jack Russell terrier, yesterday inside the newly-upgraded dog kennels at the humane society in Peterborough. The kennels measure 7.5 feet in height, up from five feet, and are covered on top to prevent dogs from jumping into another kennel.

## **News** in brief

**FRAUD** Police have targeted more than a dozen money transfer outlets in Montreal in a crackdown on an international marketing fraud ring. The RCMP says 16 searches of Moneygram and Western Union franchises were carried out yesterday after more than 1,000 people filed complaints at the end of January.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Sikorsky choppers grounded by FAA

**SAFETY** The Federal Aviation Administration grounded Sikorsky S-92A helicopters yesterday and ordered operators to replace a gearbox component linked to both a deadly crash in Newfoundland and a close call in Australia.

The order also states that the same studs were found to be broken on another Sikorsky S-92A helicopter that was forced to make an emergency landing after being alerted to an oil problem at a low altitude in Australia last July.

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### Crash

- The order comes in the wake of a helicopter crash off Newfoundland in which 17 of the 18 people on board died.

## School bus drivers vote to go on strike

**LABOUR** About 150 school bus drivers and mechanics in the Kingston and Napanee areas have voted to go on strike.

Teamsters official Ian Cobb says the drivers and mechanics voted by more than 90 per cent to reject the latest offer from Stock Transportation.

He says the drivers, who earn 12 dollars per hour after two years experience, were offered a two per cent raise in each of the next three years.

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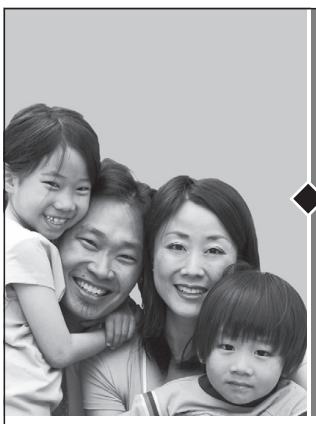

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**Canadian, U.S. cops make major drug bust**

Canadian and U.S. authorities have busted a major helicopter marijuana-for-cocaine smuggling operation. Police on both sides of the border seized two helicopters along with more than 430 kilograms of cocaine, marijuana and ecstasy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Moncton **Grimacing against the cold**

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Grimace does some marketing work yesterday through a spring storm in Dieppe, N.B. About 10 centimetres of snow fell overnight in the Moncton area, where schools were closed yesterday morning, primarily due to blowing snow and poor visibility.

# Recycling a name

## Winnipeggers may rebrand city's 'garbage day'

**Manitobans have been dubbed the worst recyclers in Canada, so there's a move afoot in Winnipeg to fill more blue boxes by changing the name of "garbage day" to "recycling day."**

It's largely a symbolic gesture that proponents say won't cost taxpayers any money but will get people thinking about — and perhaps guilt them into — recycling.

"Garbage is a negative word," said Don Woodstock, who came up with the idea. "The new world is going to go green ... We all have to do something about it. It's changing habits and culture."

Manitoba has a long way to go when it comes to recycling, Woodstock said. According to Statistics Canada, the province has experienced the second-highest increase in trash in Canada and has the worst recycling rate in the country.

"We can only go up," said Woodstock, a city bus driver. "Something is better than nothing ... You and I have to make that change."

Woodstock felt so strongly about the rebranding that he went before councillors and sang a song — Wake Up Everybody by Harold Melvin and the Bluenotes.

Apparently it was a pretty convincing tune. Although the idea was quashed at one city committee, it was approved by the mayor's executive cabinet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## **News** in brief

**PROBE** Brian Mulroney doesn't want to thwart an investigation of his business links to arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber, but he does want to know more about the ground rules for the probe, says the lawyer for the former prime minister. Guy Pratte insisted yesterday that Mulroney's latest legal move is "not an attempt to delay or derail this inquiry."

**POLITICS** Manitoba's New Democratic government will try to tackle the economic slowdown in its budget today by boosting spending on education and building, while offering help to businesses facing the credit crunch. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# U.S. fugitive caught in Montreal

**CRIME** For the second time in less than a week, Canadian authorities have nabbed a wanted U.S. fugitive living quietly in Montreal.

Russell Victor McCollum, who was sought on four counts of aggravated sexual battery of a child, was arrested yesterday by the Canada Border Services Agency after barricading himself briefly in an apartment.

Tennessee law enforcement officials said McCollum, 30, had been on the lam since March 2001 when he failed to appear for his trial.

The arrest came after a lengthy investigation involving authorities in Nashville, Philadelphia and across the border in Ottawa and Montreal.

He now also faces additional charges of failing to appear in court and of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Windsor home prices plummet**
Real estate prices in Windsor-Essex are dropping lower than what it would cost to buy a new car. Mark Imeson, president of the Windsor-Essex County Real Estate Board, said he has seen houses selling for just $25,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Seal hunters face down inclement weather

**ST. LAWRENCE** Seal hunters in boats and on snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles ventured into thick ice in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence again yesterday as weather prevented anti-hunt observers from recording their grim work.

Phil Jenkins, a spokesman for the federal Fisheries Department, said 18 boats were in the area.

Another 50 hunters travelled in their vehicles directly from Iles de la Madeleine onto the ice that had pushed up against the land.

Jenkins said about 10,000 seals out of a total quota of 15,000 animals for the area around the Quebec islands had been killed from when the hunt opened early Monday to midday yesterday.

Rebecca Aldworth, a director for Humane Society International Canada, said the fact sealers were continuing to kill seals in bad weather proves the hunt is "inherently inhumane."

"I would imagine they're dealing with massive ocean swells out there, gale-force winds, low visibility, freezing rain, fog, and yet they're still out there killing seals," she said.

"The ability for them to deliver a humane death (blow) in those conditions is almost non-existent."

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## Roads flooding as Red River rises

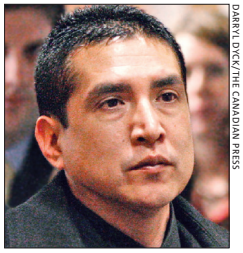
**MANITOBA** Ice-blocked sewers, drains and culverts are flooding some Manitoba basements and turning roads into lakes as communities brace for water from the rising Red River.

The soggy situation prompted the town of Dominion City to declare a state of emergency, while crews in Winnipeg were working around the clock to drain water. A city spokesman said the city had fielded about 2,500 calls about water-clogged streets and at least 67 basements were flooded.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

**HEALTH** An ombudsman is launching an investigation into a health-care agency in the Hamilton-Niagara region. Andre Marin says his office will explore its restructuring efforts. THE CANADIAN PRESS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RCMP Cpl. Benjamin Monty Robinson

# Pulse was checked: Mountie

**The supervising RCMP officer who says he was monitoring Robert Dziekanski after the man was stunned by a Taser hadn't been current in first-aid training for five years.**

Cpl. Benjamin Monty Robinson told the inquiry into the man's death that he took Dziekanski's pulse and checked his breathing before firefighters arrived to Vancouver's airport.

Robinson says his first-aid training expired in 2002, and he hadn't yet completed recertification.

Still, he took responsibility for checking Dziekanski's condition before firefighters arrived after the man was jolted five times by a Taser in October 2007.

The fire captain on duty that night testified earlier that, when he arrived, he didn't think anyone had been checking Dziekanski and it appeared as if the man was already dead.

Other RCMP officers have testified they never saw anyone, including Robinson, conduct a proper pulse or breathing check. Several witnesses have said they saw Dziekanski's pulse checked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Obama has out-of-this-world chat with astronauts**

Astronauts aboard the linked shuttle station complex took a congratulatory call from U.S. President Barack Obama, who got a big laugh when he told the 10 space travellers that at a cruising speed of about 28,000 kilometres per hour "we're glad that you are using the hands-free phone." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Woman cuffs self to husband

**A Connecticut woman took an unusual approach in an attempt to reconcile with her husband. Police say 37-year-old Helen Sun handcuffed herself to her husband as he slept after changing the locks on their bedroom door. She says it was all an attempt to make sure Drawbough couldn't leave when she tried to have a conversation with him. Sun has been charged.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Raging against money machine

**A debate about populist rage has broken out in the U.S. as Americans fester about corporate greed and legislators look to please their fuming constituents by penalizing Wall Street's biggest offenders.**

"There's a rebellion out there," David Axelrod, U.S. President Barack Obama's top aide, said in a recent interview.

"Everyone but Wall Street knows the days of Gordon Gekko are over," said Axelrod, referring to the Michael Douglas character in the movie Wall Street, whose mantra was "greed is good."

But is the current populist rage misguided?

Some say the public fury has been a long time coming. But others wonder why Americans aren't angrier about bigger, deadlier and more expensive travesties, like the war in Iraq.

"What would happen if American taxpayers were just as upset about the sixth anniversary of a war that costs us billions of dollars a week as we are about bonuses we're paying to failed executives at AIG?" Tony Norman, a columnist at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, wrote recently.

The bonuses paid to some executives at American International Group have become a symbol of Wall Street greed in the last two weeks. Citizens and legislators alike were infuriated to learn the insurance giant, which received a bailout of more than $180 billion US, paid out $165 million in bonuses, much of which was later returned by employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Regulatory power sought

- U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is calling on Congress to grant him new powers to regulate huge financial companies like insurance giant AIG, whose failure would pose a grave danger to the U.S. financial system and the broader economy.
- Geithner wants to be given the authority to seize control of banks, take over their bad assets and sell good ones to competitors.

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Ronald Schupp joins hundreds of workers protesting outside the Bank of America yesterday before marching toward AIG offices in Chicago.

## Czech coalition government fails, must step down

**POLITICS** The Czech Republic's three-party coalition government has collapsed. Officials say the coalition lost a parliamentary no confidence vote, partly due to its handling of the economic crisis.

They say 101 members of the 200-seat lower house voted yesterday to oust the government.

Prime Minister Mirek Topolanek's cabinet must now resign. It's not clear who will be picked by President Vaclav Klaus to form a new government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## France offering compensation for victims of nuclear testing

**RADIATION** The French government has for the first time offered to compensate victims of nuclear tests in Algeria and the South Pacific, bowing to decades of pressure from people sickened by radiation.

Herve Morin

Victims cautiously welcomed the move after Defence Minister Herve Morin announced it yesterday, nearly 50 years after France conducted its first atomic tests. But they say it's still too stingy and only a first step toward healing wounds.

France will set aside the equivalent of $16.5 million for compensation in the first year. The U.S. government, by comparison, has approved more than $1.38 billion US for victims of nuclear tests since 1990. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Aid agencies 'vicious': Sri Lanka

**CIVIL WAR** Sri Lanka's military accused "a vicious coalition" of international aid groups yesterday of harbouring terrorists and seeking to prolong civil war for economic gain.

The military has come under increased international criticism in recent weeks for allegedly ignoring the plight of civilians in a shrinking war zone in the island's northeast as it pushes to end the decades-old war with the Tamil Tiger rebels.

### Employee killed

- The only group named was CARE International, which said last week that one of its local workers was killed in a "no-fire" zone when a shell severed his leg.

Aid groups have accused the military of shelling "no-fire" zones set up for tens of thousands of trapped civilians, an allegation the military denies.

The military said in a statement that aid groups operating in Sri Lanka had "hoodwinked" the world and did not want the war to end "to secure their income through a continued bloodshed."

The statement said the war had "been well engineered and blessed by a vicious coalition of local and international bodies" in addition to the Tamil Tiger rebels, formally known as Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

**PHILADELPHIA** Researchers may have discovered a mass grave for nearly five dozen 19th-century Irish immigrants who died of cholera weeks after arriving in Pennsylvania to build a railway. Historians have known for years about the 57 immigrants who died in August 1832, but could not find the actual grave. The bones were found last week near a suburban Philadelphia university.

**MINNESOTA** A Wabasha hotel famous for lending out cat companions for guests has closed its doors after more than 150 years in business. The Historic Anderson House, built in 1856, was Minnesota's oldest continually-operated inn. THE ASSOCIATED

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**Couple accused of cremating son's remains on barbecue plead guilty**
A Detroit couple accused of trying to cremate their slain two-year-old son on a barbecue grill and then collecting his welfare benefits have pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.S. seeks deportation of accused Nazi guard

**German officials are being asked for documents needed to deport accused Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk to face 29,000 counts of accessory to murder, U.S. officials said yesterday.**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has contacted the German government in its effort to deport Demjanjuk, once accused but ultimately cleared of being a notorious guard at the Treblinka concentration camp in occupied Poland.

The 88-year-old suburban Cleveland man was charged in Germany in March with crimes allegedly committed while working as a guard at Sobibor, a Nazi camp in Poland.

His son, John Demjanjuk Jr., said his father remains at home and is not in federal custody.

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John Demjanjuk in a 2005 file photo.

Prosecutors in Munich, Germany, said Demjanjuk will be formally charged before a judge once he is extradited.

"In this capacity (as a guard), he participated in the accessory to murder of at least 29,000 people of the Jewish faith," the prosecutor's office has said.

The German warrant seeks the deportation or extradition of Demjanjuk, who lives in Seven Hills, Ohio, and denies involvement in any deaths.

The suspect's family has said he is in poor health and unable to travel.

Demjanjuk was accused in 1977 of concealing a past as a notorious Nazi death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" at Treblinka. He was extradited to Israel in 1986 and sentenced to death after being found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

He appealed, and in 1993 Israel's top court ruled Demjanjuk was not Ivan the Terrible.

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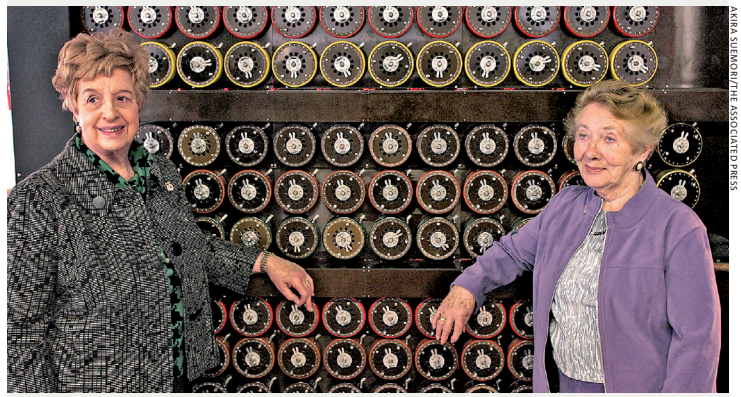
## Britain **Cracking the Enigma**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War veterans Ruth Bourne, left, and Jean Valentine, who served in Women's Royal Navy Service during the Second World War, stand in front of a replica of the Turing Bombe machine at Bletchley Park, England. The machine played a crucial part in cracking the Nazi Enigma code.

## **News** in brief

**SOUTH AFRICA** Organizers say a peace conference in Johannesburg has been postponed over South Africa's decision to bar the Dalai Lama from attending. The government refused to issue an invitation to the Tibetan spiritual leader, citing its relationship with China.

**REFUGEES** Fighting in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and other countries has led to an increase in people requesting asylum. Around 383,000 people applied for asylum in industrialized regions last year — 12 per cent more than in 2007, said the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

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# Obama heralds signs of progress in TV speech

**ECONOMY** U.S. President Barack Obama took to the prime-time airwaves last night to reassure Americans that the country's flailing economy is showing signs of recovery even as they continue to fume about Wall Street greed.

Obama declared signs of progress, saying his administration is attacking the crisis "on all fronts."

"It's a strategy to create jobs, to help responsible homeowners, to restart lending and to grow our economy over the long term," Obama said.

The remarks come amid full-boil fury on both Main Street and Capitol Hill about $165 million US in bonuses paid to the very AIG executives who almost ran their company into the ground. American International Group has received more than $180 billion in federal bailout money.

Obama's aim was to remind Americans to stop focusing on the scandal and start looking at the economic big picture.

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## Turkey backing MacKay for NATO

**ANKARA** A Turkish legislator says his country does not back Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen as NATO's next secretary general.

Suat Kiniklioglu, a top foreign policy official in Turkey, says Ankara favours Canada's Defence Minister Peter MacKay for the role, even though MacKay has said he prefers to keep his job.

Turkey objects to Fogh Rasmussen because of the 2006 Prophet cartoon crisis and his reported opposition to Turkey's EU membership. THE ASSOCIATED

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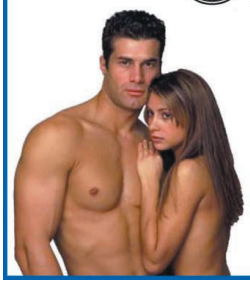

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**Double survivor**

A Japanese man has become the first person certified as a survivor of both U.S. atomic bombings, officials said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Labour to join Israeli coalition

**Israel's Labour party voted yesterday to join the incoming government of Benjamin Netanyahu, giving a centrist tone to the coalition that has looked hardline up to now.**

Party secretary Eitan Cabel announced the results of the voting after a heated debate — 680 in favour and 507 against.

"I'm happy that party delegates have decided to enter the government," Ofer Eini, head of the Histadrut labour union and a senior Labour party operative, told Israel's Army Radio.

Benjamin Netanyahu

But others chanted slogans like "Disgrace" after the announcement.

Netanyahu has signed coalition agreements with Yisrael Beitenu and Shas, two parties known for their tough policies toward the Palestinians, as is Netanyahu's own Likud party.

Labour, in contrast, has been in the forefront of Mideast peace efforts.

Labour's 13 seats in the parliament would give Netanyahu a majority of 66 in the 120-seat house.

Labour's vote was a key development. It marks the first indication of a possible softening of the future government's platform, and it also opens prospects for the more moderate Kadima party, led by Israel's current Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, to agree to join the government.

Netanyahu, the prime minister-designate, reached a preliminary agreement yesterday with Labour's leader, Defence Minister Ehud Barak.

"We will be the counterweight that will guarantee that we won't have a narrow right-wing government, but a real government that will take care of the state of Israel," Barak told the crowd ahead of the vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Relief worker killed in Sudan

**DARFUR** Gunmen have fatally shot a 39-year-old Sudanese relief worker in western Darfur, his Canadian-based aid agency said yesterday.

Adam Khater, who worked for the Fellowship for African Relief, was shot to death at his home Monday night in the town of Kongo Haraza, near Sudan's border with Chad, said Mark Simmons, the organization's country director.

"He was shot by armed bandits at his home in front of his family last night because he could not provide them the satellite phone they were looking for," Simmons told The Canadian Press from Khartoum on Monday.

The joint United Nations-African Union mission in Darfur confirmed the killing and said it was under investigation.

The killing comes as tensions are escalating in Darfur after the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Sudan's president for war crimes there. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Stem-cell protest**
A Roman Catholic bishop will boycott U.S. President Barack Obama's speech at Notre Dame University over stem-cell research. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# New Taliban tactics

## Hard-core insurgents disguising themselves as police

**Hard-core elements of the Taliban that moved into Kandahar have imported more insidious tactics to sow confusion among NATO and Afghan forces, according to former insurgent fighters and Canadian army documents.**

They are also building bigger roadside bombs to meet the expected crush of American armour vehicles surging into southern Afghanistan as part of U.S. President Barack Obama's renewed emphasis on the war-torn region.

While there are signs some moderate elements of the Taliban are worn down and ready to talk peace, more hard-core terrorist organizations are stepping into the breech.

They are frequently masquerading as either Afghan Uniformed Police or local uniformed private security contractors who have sprung up all over Afghanistan to protect civilian agencies and international aid groups. The tactic allows insurgents to move around more freely during the day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Black market for uniforms

- Insurgents disguising themselves in police uniforms and even burkas is not new, but the scale, sophistication and effort put into it over the last few months have grown, said a former Taliban fighter. Insurgents once bought cloth and sewed their own knock-off police uniforms, but now they are relying on a growing black market of stolen uniforms and high-quality tailors.

## Serbia marks sombre anniversary

**BOMBING** Air raid sirens sounded across Serbia yesterday to mark the 10th anniversary of the start of NATO's bombing, as officials denounced the attacks that killed more than 3,000 people and ended Belgrade's rule in Kosovo.

The government held a special session dedicated to the anniversary and ministers were scheduled to lay wreaths at bombing sites throughout the country. Classes in Serbia's schools opened with a minute of silence for the victims.

"The attack on our country was an illegal act," Prime Minister Mirko Cvetkovic said. "Serbia cannot forget those tragic days." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

**OKLAHOMA** A former western Oklahoma sheriff was sentenced to 79 years in prison yesterday for using his power over female drug defendants to force them to have sex with him. Former Custer County sheriff Mike Burgess, 56, apologized to two victims but insisted he was innocent of allegations that he had also abused others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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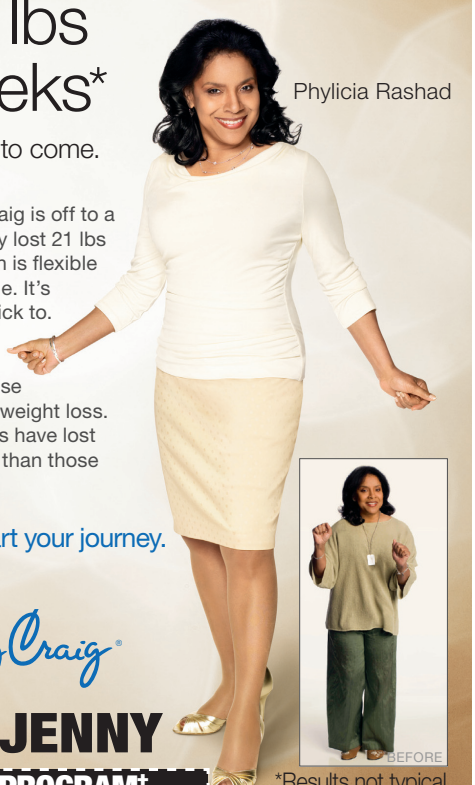


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## That's democracy, Jack

### Tories implementing new rules that favour incumbents

TheWestView

The federal Tories — and to a lesser degree the Liberals — are having a little trouble with the idea of democracy.

I don't blame them. No one has ever come up with the perfect democracy. Our first-past-the-post system is kind of a blunt instrument. It doesn't matter if your candidate gets a pile of votes … unless they come first, they're not elected.

There's a growing movement for proportional representation, in which a certain percentage of the vote yields a number of elected candidates, which works fine unless the Wing Nut Party gets 20 per cent of the vote, and you end up with 20 MPs with red noses and big shoes.

Nowhere is democracy more scary and raw than at the constituency level. Want your candidate to get nominated? All you have to do is go around and sign up members, and if you can get enough of them to the nomination meeting, and they vote for your candidate, voila, your candidate is representing the Tories, the Liberals, the NDP, the Greens, etc.

Grassroots democracy. It's a thing of beauty. Of course, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. And the process is so open and free that upsets happen. Not only that, the system is open to abuse and manipulation. We've all heard stories of one-issue candidates busing in the faithful, packing meetings, and overwhelming the incumbent with a show of force. Too bad — that's democracy, Jack.

Well, the Tories are going to put a cork in democracy by implementing new rules that favour incumbents. If you are one of the 143 who managed to get elected last time, you'll be sitting pretty; you will be acclaimed as your riding's candidate unless two-thirds of the members want an open nomination.

Granted, the party will send the reforms to a vote, and anyone who was a Tory member as of March 10 will be eligible. But it's the principle of the thing … accountability is a cornerstone of democracy, and if MPs aren't accountable to members of their own riding associations, the people who recruited and nominated them in the first place, they will end up being more accountable to the Boss, the Right Honourable Stephen Joseph Harper, as if he doesn't already have enough power over his merry band.

The Tories aren't the only ones offering their MPs a measure of protection. If Michael Ignatieff's 77 Liberals want to be protected from nomination battles they will have to meet membership and donations standards that should be pretty easy to hit: 400 members and 40 "Victory Fund" donors who give $10 a month. The NDP is the last bastion of free and open nomination battles among the Big Three: No protection — period — for its no doubt uneasy 37 MPs.

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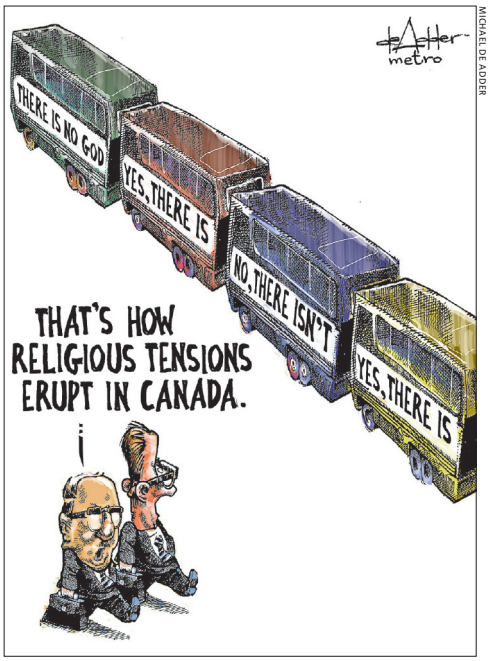


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## Word on the street: Do you think the federal government's proposal to phase out incandescent light bulbs and promote CFL bulbs is actually a bright idea?

**Erin Kang**
age 18, Toronto

A: I think it's a good idea. I use fluorescent ones already. I don't like having to constantly replace my light bulbs.

**Monty Crizto**
age 27, Toronto

A: Yes, it is a good idea. It's more efficient.

**Anna Labetski**
age 18, Toronto

A: It's about time. I think it's a good idea, but it's really behind. It's trying to send a message, but Europe did this a long time ago.

**Ryan Correia**
age 20, Vancouver

A: It's a great idea because at home we only use the compact fluorescent light bulb … which saves us a lot of money.

**Katee Taylor**
age 20, Antigonish, N.S.

A: Yes, I do, because I believe it will actually force people to take that extra step, which isn't really that hard of a step to take.

**Carman Fox**
age 26, Calgary

A: It's green, but I don't think it should be a high priority right now.

## Letters

### Milk bag program should be commended, not condemned

*Re: Letter: Is this old-fashioned approach still valid? (March 18)*

My reaction to this letter can be summed up in one word — "huh?" This writer accuses the people involved in this project of being ignorant and not understanding the real situation when, in fact, I think the writer is the one that doesn't understand the situation.

I will agree that increased consumption is a problem, especially in North America. However, I don't understand the writer's assumption that we will continue to consume more plastic as a response to recycling programs such as "milk bags for mats." I think increased consumption is a byproduct of one's selfishness (the more/new-is-better attitude) and not motivated by the downstream destinations of the items and their packaging.

I think initiatives like "milk bag for mats" are noble and creative ways of helping others and the environment at the same time and should be commended, not condemned.

DUANE SMITH, TORONTO

### Goodwill from councillors could soften tax hikes

*Re: Toronto can't be flexible on raising property tax (March 20)*

Though I do agree with the majority of John Sewell's article, I would like to highlight one area; "To pay the wage increases (of the police) city council must either increase the property tax or cut expenditures."

The news of the proposed tax hike came in the wake of the public being made aware that city councillors were not opting to reduce or cancel altogether their bonuses or own wage increases this year — we are in a middle of a recession and people are losing their jobs.

Though councillors not taking an increase or a bonus would not cancel the deficit the city is currently facing, it would help and, more importantly, it would show goodwill to the citizens of Toronto, who have to accept increasing property taxes and the fact that it's their tax dollars paying those bonuses.

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**Tough times for airlines**
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**New figures showing a spike in personal bankruptcies and employment insurance applications show the recession is causing a lot of anguish with Canadians.**

And given that the two distress indicators lag behind what is occurring in the economy, analysts say the next 12 months will see many more personal and corporate bankruptcies in Canada.

**Insolvencies**
- Over the past 12 months, about 12,000 Canadians became insolvent.

The federal Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy reported yesterday that 7,944 individuals across Canada filed for bankruptcy in January, up 21.7 per cent from a year earlier.

In another indicator of the recession's bite, Statistics Canada reported yesterday that 560,400 Canadians were getting regular employment insurance benefits in January, 104,000 more or 22.8 per cent more than 11 months earlier and 23,700 more than in December.

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## Airline eyeing new order for Bombardier Q400

**AVIATION** Porter Airlines said it is considering ordering more Q-400 turboprop planes once Bombardier Inc. delivers previously ordered aircraft to the regional carrier this year.

Robert Deluce, head of the privately owned airline, told a transportation conference in Toronto yesterday that Porter is increasing the size of its fleet as it adds destinations.

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## Auction Cheese curls going once ...

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Auctioneer Kirk Williams, centre top, calls out to customers as runner Tom Howard displays an item during a grocery auction in Dallas, Pa., recently. As consumers seek relief from the recession and growing food prices, grocery auctions are gaining in popularity as an easy way to cut costs. The sales operate like regular auctions, but with bidders vying for dry goods and frozen foods instead of antiques and collectibles.

## In brief

**OIL** An analyst with En-Pro International Inc. says the merger between Petro-Canada and Suncor will be good for consumers. He sees the combined company's refinery network growing, not shrinking. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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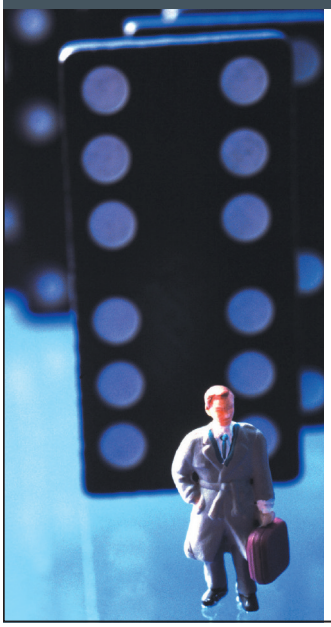

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**Robinho threatens Pele with legal action**

Brazil soccer star Robinho threatened Pele with legal action yesterday over the soccer legend's suggestion that he had a drug problem. The Manchester City forward is angry at Pele's comments last week to a Brazilian radio station that Robinho and Ronaldo had both had substance abuse issues. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports

**"Toronto has set the stage. Their fans are incredibly passionate."**

Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber, left, on Toronto FC fan support. Garber says Toronto fans wrote the book on atmosphere, something he sees continuing in MLS expansion markets like Seattle.

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Alex Ovechkin, left, celebrates scoring his 51st goal of the season last night.

# Cujo wins in relief

**NHL RESULT**

**Capitals** 2 **Leafs** 3 (SO)

Capitals VS Toronto Maple Leafs

**THE SKINNY:** Curtis Joseph was brought in cold off the Maple Leafs' bench late in last night's game and shut down the Washington Capitals to help his team to a 3-2 shootout victory.

**GERBER TOSSED:** Starting goalie Martin Gerber was ejected with a 10-minute game misconduct for lightly pushing referee Mike Leggo in protest of Washington's tying goal with 57 seconds left in regulation.

**CELEBRATION WATCH:** Alex Ovechkin simply kissed his glove and pointed in the air after roaring around Luke Schenn and sliding the puck past Gerber for his 51st goal of the year in the second period.

**ALEX BEING ALEX:** Ovechkin again demonstrated his sense of humour prior to the game, wearing a "Coach's Corner" T-shirt while kicking a soccer ball with teammates. It had the word "respect" written on the back.

**ALEX BEING STUFFED:** The play of the game came when Joseph robbed Ovechkin on Washington's final shootout opportunity.

**THE NEXT GAME:** The Leafs head down the QEW to play Buffalo on Friday.

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## Utley homers to help beat Jays

**MLB** Chase Utley hit his first home run since hip surgery, helping the Philadelphia Phillies rally past the Toronto Blue Jays 7-6 in Grapefruit League action yesterday. Utley drove in three runs, two on a homer off closer B.J. Ryan. Utley had hip surgery in November. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Appeals court upholds verdict against Pistons' Iverson**
Allen Iverson must pay $260,000 US for standing by and watching his bodyguard beat up another man in a 2005 bar fight, a U.S. appeals court ruled yesterday. Marlin Godfrey accused the bodyguard of assaulting him because he refused to vacate the VIP area at a nightclub to make way for Iverson and his entourage. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Bosh says he will take responsibility

**Raptors star Chris Bosh says he loves his infant daughter and will "take care of my responsibilities" amid reports his former girlfriend is seeking child support and sole custody of the four-month-old.**

"All I can say is I'm willing to take care of my responsibilities like I've been doing in the past and in the future and have respect for everyone," Bosh told reporters yesterday.

"I love my daughter, I love myself and I respect her mother."

Bosh, who celebrated his 25th birthday yesterday, said he has visited his daughter since her birth in November. But he wouldn't discuss what role he plans on having in the child's life.

"I hope everybody respects my wishes to keep it quiet," he said.

The Toronto Star reported yesterday that Bosh is facing a lawsuit in Maryland from Allison Mathis, who says she lived with him until Bosh ended their relationship while she was seven months pregnant.

> **"I love my daughter, I love myself and I respect her mother."**
> Chris Bosh

Mathis alleges Bosh — who is making $14.4 million US this season — stopped supporting her financially and tried to have her removed from their home.

According to the court papers, Mathis claims the couple had planned on getting married and chose to have a child together, with Bosh reportedly paying for a fertility drug to hasten the process.

Citing the court documents, the report says Bosh, upon returning from last summer's Beijing Olympics after helping the U.S. win gold, told Mathis he wanted to "move on" from their relationship.

The former Georgia Tech star says he has nothing to prove to those people who know him best.

"People closest to me don't call it into question," he said. "They know the situation, they know what it is, that's all that really matters." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Banks done

- Raptors guard Marcus Banks will miss the remainder of the season after undergoing surgery to have a bone spur removed from his right foot. The Raptors filled his spot on the roster by signing guard Quincy Douby to a 10-day contract.

# Morace's goals within reach for Canadian women

DUANE ROLLINS
for Metro Toronto

When Carolina Morace took over the head coaching position of the Canadian women's soccer team she knew she saw a lot of promise. But she also knew she was in for a lot of work.

"It's a challenge," she said. "That's why I took the job — for the challenge."

Morace was in Toronto yesterday to promote her home coaching debut, which will take place May 25 against Japan at BMO Field. She said it's her goal to make the women the "No. 1 team" for Canadians.

The game should sell itself, she suggested.

"I started following soccer by watching TV and I enjoyed the movement of the game," she said.

"People love players like Cristiano Ronaldo or (Lionel) Messi. They are attracted to them because they are technical players. They are creative. I think we can teach some of that movement, but we need people (in Canada) to love the game."

Morace

According to Morace, Canada started to play that kind of technical game at the recent Cyprus Cup, where it finished with the silver medal, losing 3-1 to England in the final.

"The girls are already playing the new way," Morace said through an interpreter.

"There are no more long balls. The ball is at their feet."

In addition to the May 25 game, Morace said the team is planning to play a two-game series with the United States and a tournament in Mexico this summer.

# Fan gets his shot at $500K

**RAPTORS** All the non-basketball distractions around the Air Canada Centre yesterday didn't seem to faze Valentin Vidic, the Raptors fan who will take a half-court shot for $500,000 tonight at halftime of the Bucks/Raps game (7 p.m, The Score). Vidic hid his nerves well working out with Jason Kapono on the Raptors' practice court, sinking half a dozen or so rainbows from midcourt.

"I am nervous," said Vidic. "I haven't been sleeping." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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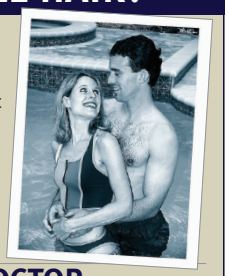

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# Workology

## Greatest high school teacher

**Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning has named John Mondelli from St. Paul Secondary School in Mississauga as the 2009 Greatest High School Teacher. Mondelli will be recognized at a ceremony at Humber (The Humber Room, 205 Humber College Blvd.) on March 31. As part of the honour, the College will award tuition for one year to a Humber student from St. Paul's for fall 2009.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Canada through Shakespeare's eyes

**Lecture series**

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Canada

**Rod Carley wants to reinvigorate Shakespeare's work in the Canadian mind.**

It's all about making the text relevant to audiences in our time and place, says the 25-year theatre vet and professor of communication arts at Canadore College — and it's the subject he'll explore when his lecture, Adapting Shakespeare Within A Modern Canadian Context, airs Saturday on TVO as part of that network's Ontario's Best Lecturer competition featured on Big Ideas.

"There's a real love of language in Shakespeare's work," says Carley. "Wit and puns are used to connect to an audience, and we can use contemporary settings to illuminate that language, adapting the political and societal norms of our time to the text."

Several ideas of Carley's revolve around putting plays within a Canadian historical context, such as The Tempest — one of the Bard's later works about a banished sorcerer Prospero and indigenous being living on the remote island he controls — juxtaposed against the story of Samuel de Champlain and his forays into the New World.

Rod Carley will merge Canadian history with the Bard's classic prose on TVO's lecture series Saturday.

Another casts Rene Levesque's Brutus to Pierre Trudeau's Julius Caesar in Shakespeare's historical drama of the same name.

"There are great challenges to understanding the themes of these plays. In a sense, it's about putting a square peg into a round hole," says Carley. "You have to make it accessible, to explore and connect. And if you're not, you're not doing your job."

Moreover, Carley maintains there's a vigour to Shakespeare's prose and poetry that doesn't exist in modern language; a creativity of expression that grows more distant with every LOL and OMG that any may crudely text or tweet.

Call it a case of words flying up and thoughts remaining below.

"There is that danger. It's almost counter-revolutionary," he said. "The simpler the language, the less we're able to express complex thoughts and feelings. The less we express these feelings, the more they well up inside us. It's a form of emotional violence in its way."

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**Carleton student dies suddenly on campus**
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# Beware of employment contracts

WorkplaceLaw

Employees used to work mostly without contracts, based on a handshake. Not so anymore, our columnist writes.

It's possibly the worst fraud in workplace law — corporations, with expensive lawyers and deeper pockets, insisting that employees sign one-sided contracts that reduce their legal rights. And employees, without bargaining power or an understanding of the law, not realizing their interests have been undermined.

The landscape wasn't always tilted. Employees used to work mostly without contracts, based on a handshake or a simple offer letter that only specified the basics: Position, compensation and duration. But, as a function of learning from past mistakes, employers woke up and started sharpening their pencils: Why not prevent expensive lawsuits, exorbitant severance packages and competition from former employees, all with a single contract? The result is the modern employment contract, replete with employer-friendly terms. Employees now unknowingly agree to be dismissed with minimum notice, demoted, banished to far away jurisdictions, see their salaries slashed, prevented from competing with their employers following their departure, and to have promises broken at their employers' pleasure — all with legal impunity.

Given these contracts, beware of the following perilous terms:

**Probationary periods:**
Employers don't just use probationary periods to assess their new recruit's fit; setting a probationary period allows them to dismiss for reasons that would otherwise be insufficient.

The employer needs only to show that, in its opinion, the employee was unsuitable for the position. If these considerations are fairly assessed, the employer can end the relationship suddenly by providing only minimum notice or pay, or often less.

**Termination clauses:**
Without any language surrounding termination in the contract, employees are entitled to reasonable notice of their dismissal, based on how long it would take to find another job. However, if some other amount is stated in the contract, it will usually provide for less than what's fair.

**Contractual changes:**
Can the contract be modified or changed? Once the job begins, significant changes that negatively affect an employee are prohibited, without a sufficient warning or that employee's consent.

Courts will, however, look to the contract, and if a clause clearly provided for that change, the employee had basically already agreed to it and is left without a remedy.

**Post-employment restrictions:**
An employee's only implied duty upon leaving is to keep information or trade secrets confidential and perhaps to compete fairly, unless other specific post-employment duties or restrictions are written into the contract. If the contract is properly drafted, employers can prevent employees from working for a competitor, or soliciting clients or former colleagues upon their departure.

**Post-termination income:**
Contracts can deprive employees of the right to any compensation other than severance following their termination. Without such language, courts can imply that an employee is entitled to bonuses, commissions, stock options and profit sharing, as if the employee had still been employed.

What should employees do? First, review any new contract with a lawyer and don't be reluctant to renegotiate terms. Second, challenge the enforceability of these contracts where the facts present that argument.

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# Metro Drive

## Toyota tops

**Toyota took five segment awards, more than any other nameplate in 2009, for the Highlander, Prius, Sequoia, Solara and Tundra, in the J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Vehicle Dependability Study, Canadian Driver reports.**

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# The green side of Magna

## Alliance with Ford, concept car part of eco-friendly direction

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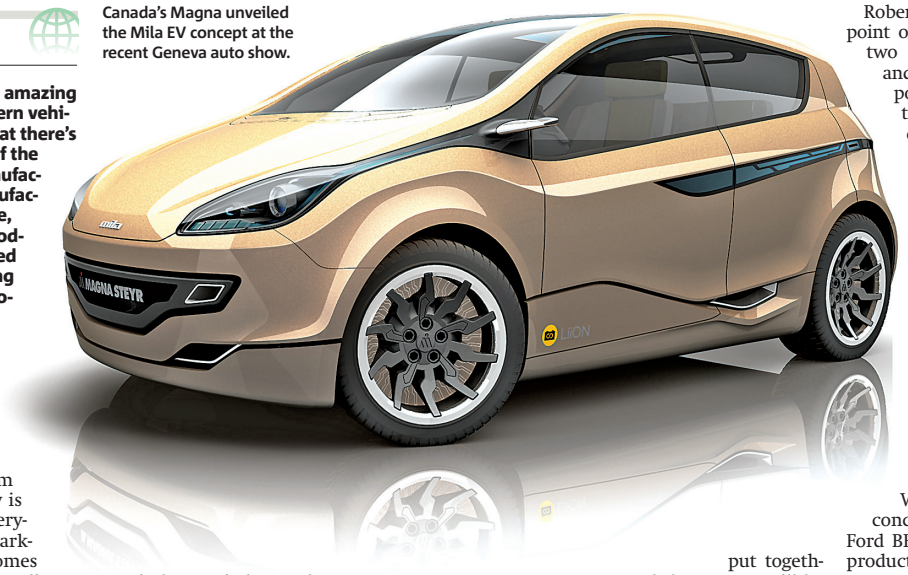


Canada's Magna unveiled the Mila EV concept at the recent Geneva auto show.

**Perhaps the most amazing thing about modern vehicle assembly is that there's really very little of the vehicle itself manufactured by the manufacturer. For example, when the Ford Model T was introduced in 1908, everything on the car was produced at one of Ford's factories. Even the steel for the body and engine was smelted on site.**

Today, it's the suppliers on whom the auto industry is built upon; everything from spark-plugs to seats comes straight from a supplier. It makes sense for automakers to purchase these parts from elsewhere, especially when there are huge quality improvements and cost savings involved; if a power-window switch can be made for less money and last longer, that's a win-win in anyone's books.

Magna and Ford have joined forces to build a brand new platform for battery-electric vehicles.

But what happens when a supplier decides it wants to build a car? That's been the case for Aurora, Ont.-based Magna International, one of the world's largest automotive suppliers.

Magna is edging closer to the role of not only of automaker, but an environmentally conscious one at that. This Canadian corporation is aiming to become the world's leader in electric cars.

While there's plenty of green growing from Canadian soil with companies like ZENN and Electrovaya going for the low-speed electric market, Magna's aiming for higher ground, and its size gives it advantages that the others can only dream of.

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Announced at January's Detroit auto show, the first signal was a partnership with Ford, which both companies hope will culminate in a brand-new battery-electric vehicle (BEV) by 2011.

Ted Robertson, chief technical officer and executive vice-president of new product creation for Magna, explained that the deal took over two years to put together, and that Magna will be responsible for supplying the "BEV electric traction motor, transmission, motor controller, energy storage system [batteries], battery charger and related systems. Magna will also share in the engineering responsibility to integrate the electric propulsion system and other new systems into the vehicle platform architecture."

"Magna is a world-class automotive supplier that's an ideal partner for our BEV," said Nancy Gioia, Ford's director of sustainable mobility technology.

The next step came when Magna showed off its Mila EV concept car at the Geneva Auto Show recently.

Robertson is quick to point out that they're still two separate programs, and that the Mila could potentially be "sold" to another automaker. "Without getting into specifics, we can say that the Mila EV does provide a preview of some technologies that could ultimately be used in the Ford BEV. Both projects make use of multiple Magna operating groups, and we share the synergies and lessons learned that go along with the collaborative efforts. While the Mila is a concept vehicle and the Ford BEV is scheduled for production in 2011, it's of great value to Magna to be able to learn from both projects and share the experiences amongst our global teams."

Robertson explains that Magna's "green" strategy includes "developing components and systems for hybrid electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles and battery electric vehicles."

Magna is also aiming to "reduce vehicle mass through lighter-weight components and source recycled/recyclable materials. We are actively addressing the need for immediate fuel-efficiency requirements as well as balancing the longer-term environmental goals," Robertson added.

The Mitsubishi i-MiEV

## Mitsu's i-MiEV flies high

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Joining the Mitsubishi i-MiEV as finalists are the Honda FCX Clarity and Toyota iQ.

The innovative i-MiEV was selected from a list of five first-round finalists-pared from an original list of more than 20 cars by an international panel of 59 automotive journalists. The winner will be announced at the New York International Auto Show on April 9.

Tailpipe emissions, fuel consumption and use of a major advanced power plant technology aimed specifically at increasing the vehicle's environmental responsibility, were all taken into consideration.

Scheduled to go on sale in the Japanese market this summer and currently undergoing U.S. testing with Pacific Gas and Electric and Southern California Edison, Mitsubishi is also looking to demonstrate i-MiEV and its capabilities to the Canadian public and in the Canadian market.

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# Traverse in right direction

## Chevrolet's new CUV combines the best of minivan and 4X4 SUV

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for Metro Canada

It looks like a full-size sport utility truck, but the 2009 Chevrolet Traverse is more like a minivan with seating for up to eight plus a choice of front- and all-wheel-drive and it can tow up to 4,500 lb. It is available in four trim levels, 1LT model shown.

**GM is supposed to be going away from the minivan, but is it really?**

New to the Chevrolet lineup is the 2009 Traverse CUV. While Traverse shares much with the Buick Enclave and Saturn Outlook, Chevrolet's version looks more like a 4X4 SUV when it is, in fact, a minivan.

And that's the clever part of the Traverse. It has all the seven- or eight-seat passenger utility of a minivan, while having that rugged SUV look that remains in vogue these days.

There are four models (LS, 1LT, 2LT, LTZ) separated primarily by trim. All four share one engine, GM's ubiquitous 3.6-litre V6 with variable valve timing. In the LZ/1LT/2LT it produces 281 hp and 266 lb/ft. The topline LTZ gets a slight boost in power to 288 hp.

The Traverse has a six-speed automatic transmission and comes standard in front-wheel-drive (FWD) or optional all-wheel-drive (AWD).

Fuel consumption on the 1LT FWD as tested is 12.7L/100 km (22 mpg) city and 8.4L/100 km (34 mpg) highway. The Traverse will tow up to 2,041 kg (4,500 lb).

With four-wheel independent suspension and four-wheel disc brakes, the Traverse 1LT comes standard with anti-lock brakes and StabiliTrac, GM's take on stability control.

A battery of airbags is standard, as is front and rear air conditioning, cruise control, power locks and windows with lockout protection, tilt/telescope steering wheel, and eight passenger seating with second row "Smart Slide" flat folding 60/40 seats and third row 60/40 folding bench seat.

What people in the back row will love are the three vents at floor level that send hot or cold air to the feet. For those who have ever travelled to hockey practice in the back row of a minivan, this is a godsend.

Eight-passenger seating is standard on the LS and 1LT and optional on the 2LT. On the 2LT and LTZ (optional on 1LT) second row captain's chairs are fitted for seven-passenger seating.

The base LS pricing starts at $36,260 with the 1LT at $37,255. Starting price for the 2LT is $41,860 and the LTZ is $50,250.

Depending on model, there are a number of options like three entertainment systems in addition to the standard AM/FM/MP3/CD with six speakers. At the top of the option chain are heated/cooled perforated front leather seats and a dual sunroof.

What is noticeable is how the engine and six-speed automatic respond. GM could have got away by using its tried-and-true four-speed but they didn't.

Not only does the Traverse get off the line more smartly, you notice at normal highway speeds there is no hunting up or down for the right gear and this is particularly true in cruise control mode.

And while this not a true truck, the higher seating position goes give a great view of the road ahead.

With the time and effort it is putting into Chevrolet, you have to say GM is starting to Traverse its troubles and is emerging with a whole string of world class vehicles to come.

Earth tones and high calibre plastics define the insides of Chevy Traverse.

**2009 Chevrolet Traverse**

**Type:** Full-size CUV
**Price:** $37,255 as tested
**Engine:** 3.6L V6
**HP:** 281
**Torque:** 266 lb-ft

**Highlights**

- Minivan space, SUV looks
- Plenty of options

# Keeping kids safe in cars, big brother style

I guess I should have been researching something about the looming economic ice age, and how to survive it. But once again I was perusing the Hammacher Schlemmer online catalogue for gadgets and bizarre stuff. (My all-time favourite? Safe-T Man, the inflatable torso with head and arms, that you prop up in the passenger seat, to give the impression you're not travelling not alone, but with a mean-looking, unshaven dude.)

Anyways, one of their new gadgets is the Activity Reporter, which is basically a magnetic USB drive with a GPS radio.

Hide it in the car somewhere for a few weeks, then download its data into a PC, and presto, you'll know where your teenagers have been sneaking with the family car, and how fast they were driving. The data can even be examined using Google Earth.

With GPS and cellular and computer chip technologies being so ubiquitous, and now so tiny, there is, and will be, no end of new ways to stick them in automobiles. So we're going to be seeing lots of these parental aids coming on the market.

One of the more noteworthy ones will be Ford's MyKey, which debuts as standard equipment on the 2010 Ford Focus. Parents can program the key to limit the vehicle's top speed and audio volume. It can also provide more incessant "buckle up" warnings, and for chimes to go off at certain speeds (like 80, 100, and 120 km/h).

**"Parents can program (Ford's My Key) to limit the vehicle's top speed and audio volume. It can also provide more incessant 'buckle up' warnings, and for chimes to go off at certain speeds (like 80, 100, and 120 km/h)."**

Does this sound like too much big brother?

It's hard to argue against initiatives when they're in the name of safety, especially for inexperienced teenage drivers.

But I have concerns. One is actually with the term "big brother." Now I know it came from George Orwell's novel, 1984, where Big Brother stood for the overbearing totalitarian state, which was forever "watching you." But all the big brothers I came in contact with during my early driving years, including my own (hi Nick), and those of my friends, didn't seem all that worried about any matters of the state, safety or otherwise.

These guys were more apt to say something like, "Why don't you drive Dad's LeBaron into that corn field over there, get it powersliding, and see if we can make one of those crop circles?"

As such, in driving safety contexts at least, maybe we lose the term "Big Brother" and go with "Church Lady"? Just a thought.

My other concern is that we all be aware that these controls will be fighting some powerful and necessary forces of nature. All humans crave free will, experimenting, and getting away with things (like not being eaten by a lion.)

This is part of how we evolved to get so clever, and why we have all that room in our craniums — it needs to be filled with learning experiences, like eat dirt, get sick, don't eat dirt again.

So I say let's keep the kids safe with technology, but let's leave them some dirt to eat. Because real, thinking people, who learn from experiences and gradually understand consequences, are always preferable to one-minded Safe-T People.

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## Toyota develops rear-seat airbag

**SAFETY** Toyota has developed the world's first rear-seat centre airbag to help reduce the severity of passenger injuries in side-on collisions. The new Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) airbag is fitted in a large, fixed, rear-seat centre console and will feature in particular Toyota models to be released in the near future. When the vehicle is hit side-on, the airbag deploys from the top of the console to act as a barrier that helps lessen injuries caused by passengers colliding with each other or into the console.

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# Hipster on the go

## Volvo C30's got smarts as well as safety features

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**2009 Volvo C30 T5 R-Design**

**Type:** Hatchback
**Price:** $32, 195 (base); $41, 810 (as tested)
**Engine:** 2.5L 5-cylinder turbocharged
**HP:** 227

Highlights

- Good looks
- Full range of safety features including whiplash protection system and dynamic stability and traction control

The C30 two-door hatch, introduced here as a 2007 model and penned by French Canadian Simon Lamarre, draws much of its inspiration from the 1972-73 P1800ES sport wagon.

**One of the more intriguing automotive designs on the road today comes from Volvo — an automaker known more for its functional safety than visual delights.**

The C30 two-door hatch, introduced here as a 2007 model and penned by French Canadian Simon Lamarre, draws much of its inspiration from the 1972-73 P1800ES sport wagon

The obvious cue is the all-glass, raked hatch that is flanked by vertical taillights and muscular haunches that sweep the full length of the car. While the C30's nose looks like its S40 cousin, the two cars only share the hood and windscreen.

Adding to the visual grooviness, my 2009 C30 T5 tester (with a base of $32,195) wore the $4200 R-Design Package that features 18" alloys, body kit, Xenon headlights with washers, chromed mirror caps, large rear spoiler and twin chromed exhaust tips.

The R-Design package extends to the interior with embossed heated leather and powered seats, sport aluminum inlays and blue-faced dials.

The Volvo signature floating console here featured a way-cool swirled dark metallic finish, looking like it had sprung right from the pages of a Bang and Olufsen catalogue.

Typically of Volvo, the seats are excellent. With its low cowl line and rakish hood, the driver has a good view down the road. The R-Design multi-function steering wheel, which tilts and telescopes, feels as good as it looks.

The two rear seats are contoured like the fronts, and despite the rakish roofline, I found I could "sit behind myself" comfortably with sufficient headroom. Ingress and egress is made easier by a rocker switch atop the front seats that has them sliding forward.

The back seats easily flip down, greatly expanding the hatch capacity, but not into VW Rabbit or Mazda3 territory. The opening is a bit small too — all in the name of fashion, of course.

Sitting sideways under the hood is a 2.5 L turbocharged five-cylinder that generates 227 hp at 5000 r.p.m. and 236 lb.-ft. of torque from 1500-4800 r.p.m. It's a smooth and flexible unit that makes a nice five-pot growl and just a hint of turbo whistle. It's not an enthusiastic revver, however, and has a somewhat elastic throttle response.

You won't mistake this engine for VW's zingy 2.0L direct-injection turbo-four found in the GTI.

While a decent six-speed manual transmission is standard in the C30 T5, this car was fitted with the optional $1500 Geartronic five-speed auto. To swap cogs manually, nudge the shifter over to the right gate and tap forward for upshifts and back for downshifts.

There are no paddle shifters, which would have added a modicum of sportiness, but truth be told, the tranny is pretty casual about shifting when asked, so paddles wouldn't be much of a benefit anyway. As with many of these things, it's best just to leave the shifter in D.

Down the road, the T5 R-Design has plenty of poke, good grip and a balanced poise in the turns. The ride is surprisingly good too, even with the 18-inch footwear.

However, the C30's personality leans away from the hot-hatch and more towards the touring side of the equation.

As would be expected of a Volvo, the C30 looks out for your well-being with a full complement of airbags, whiplash protection system (WHIPS), dynamic stability and traction control (DSTC), electronic brake distribution (EBD) and an energy absorbing body structure.

The obvious C30 T5 R-Design competitors are the Mazdaspeed3, VW GTI, and Audi A3.

If the Mazda is the delinquent X-Gamer and the GTI the all-round high-school athlete, the trim Volvo is the metro-sexual post-grad who cuts a mean profile but doesn't like to get his Prada duds too sweaty.

# A little pink for Barbie's 50th

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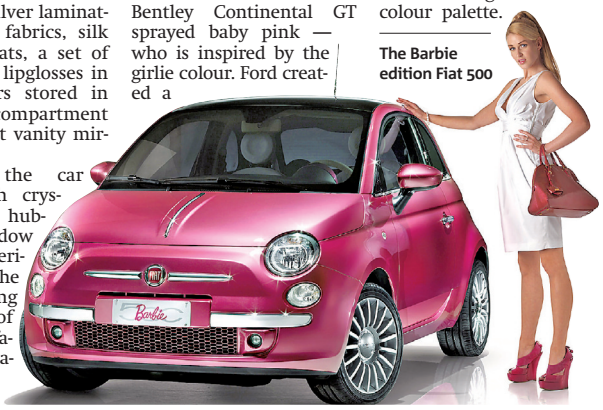
Barbie is celebrating her 50th birthday in style with a one-off hot pink Fiat 500. It's a car that would make Barbie's real-life counterpart Paris Hilton weak at the knees, with a pearlescent nail varnish-style paint job, and inside the car features silver laminated Alcantara fabrics, silk yarn floor mats, a set of custom-made lipglosses in bright colours stored in the glove compartment and an LED-lit vanity mirror.

Nissan's Micra C+C.

Naturally the car sparkles with crystals: On the hubcaps, window mouldings, aerial, and ion the B-pillar, tracing the shape of Barbie's famous curvaceous figure.

It seems that it's not just Paris Hilton — who had her Bentley Continental GT sprayed baby pink — who is inspired by the girlie colour. Ford created a sensation with their 2004 power-pink special edition StreetKa, and the cute metallic-pink Micra C+C convertible that Nissan produced a limited run in support of Breakthrough for Breast Cancer was so popular that they produced another pink car the following year. Maybe there's a case for adding Barbie pink to the average carmaker's colour palette.



The Barbie edition Fiat 500

# Car incentive drives away worries

Automakers are offering a variety of incentives to bring consumers back to the showroom floor and sales numbers, as well as personal testimony, indicate some are starting to work.

Almost all carmakers have seen their sales slump in recent months as consumer confidence has retreated along with the economy. But Hyundai's U.S. sales were up for the second month in a row in February — by 14.3 per cent compared to a year earlier.

The company has credited a new program that allows consumers to return their vehicles and walk away from their leases if they lose their job or fall ill for a substantial chunk of its sales increase.

Canadian car dealers who also use the program, created by Toronto-based Walkaway Canada Inc., say it has boosted sales during a time when consumer confidence is at a 26-year low and vehicle sales are being hit particularly hard.

Canadian car sales were down 27.7 per cent overall in February.

The program provides insurance through authorized dealers to consumers who are leasing a vehicle.

Leases often pose problems to consumers who find themselves unable to make payments, because vehicles decline in value the moment they're driven off the lot, while the amount owed by the consumer doesn't change.

The difference between the value of the car and the amount owed on a lease is called negative equity.

If consumers finds themselves unemployed or too ill to work or drive, Walkaway covers the difference up to $7,500.

"You've got more expensive vehicles being financed over longer terms with little to no money down, very low or zero per cent interest rates, so basically what happens is you end up with a consumer owing a lot more than the car is worth anywhere throughout the transaction," said Robert Varga, president of Walkaway Canada.

Walkaway has been around for 10 years, but it's really proving its worth now as dealers are using it to overcome "fear and hesitation" on the part of the consumer, Varga said.

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- In an unsolicited letter to Walkaway, a Kia dealer in Newmarket, Ont., said the program was "instrumental" in the closure of three deals in one month, while a Honda dealer in Winnipeg said he has "won deals based solely on the merits of the program."

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Rinspeed's Frank Rinderknecht (above) boasts the Senso, left, a concept car that changes its colour and sound according to the driver, among his lineup.

# Meet the concept king

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**"Even when I was a kid my first bike had to look different," explains Rinspeed inventor Frank Rinderknecht, as he stands by the iChange — an electric car that adapts its interior and energy-use to the amount of passengers on board. iChange is the latest in a series of wild concept cars the Swiss company has shown at the Geneva Motor Show over the last few decades.**

Rinderknecht found huge success when he started importing sunroofs into Switzerland in the late 1970s. With the profits, he indulged his passion for customization, starting out by giving the first VW Golf square headlamps then gull-wing doors.

Since then he has created a fleet of inspired prototypes including the Senso, which measures the driver's biometric data in order to change the colours, sound and scent of the car to create optimum driving conditions.

There's the Splash, the car-come-hovercraft in which he crossed the English Channel in record time and the sQuba, a diving car.

He is even an eco-pioneer — his 2001 Avantige was the first sports car to run on kitchen and garden waste.

Rinspeed's sQuba, a diving car.

His ideas come from life, nature, architecture. "I like to be inspired by the spirit of the time. Above all the cars need to touch people."

Although these cars can cost up to $1 million to develop, he has never sold a production version. Instead, Rinspeed — one of the world's leading Porsche tuners — uses the concepts as a shop window for his ideas, resulting in consultancy work with car makers and suppliers.

His ideas sometimes filter down to mainstream cars — including the steering wheel-mounted audio controls he conceived in 1982, and the Senso's mood-lighting features. "I want to set trends," says Rinderknecht.

These forward-thinking concepts often feel like James Bond cars. "I would produce a flying car for Bond," says Rinderknecht. "Although the time has to be right. In this time of crisis people have other priorities. But it's on the list."

# Decoding the alphabet jumble

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Last week, we helped you decode the naming system for Audi, BMW and Infiniti, so here we go with this week's Car Badge Confusion, looking at Lexus, Mercedes-Benz and Volvo.

## Lexus

Lexus tries to stick with the same scheme that Infiniti and Mercedes-Benz use, but with recent model introductions, things are a tad more confusing. All sedan models end with 'S', all coupe models end with 'C' and all off-road vehicles end with 'X'. Relatively easy.

For Lexus, the 'L' is the flagship model, so that means the LS is the largest and most expensive car, while the LX is the largest and most expensive off-roader/SUV. The G comes next, meaning GS (sedan) and GX (SUV). Then it gets a little funky. There's ES (sedan) and RX (SUV), which are about equal, then finally the IS as the entry-level sedan.

The numbers that follow the letters denote engine displacement, so the ES 350 has a 3.5-litre V6, while the LS 460 uses a 4.6-litre V8.

## Mercedes-Benz

The company's lineup gets more confusing each year as models are introduced. Mainstream sedans mimic Infiniti's, meaning B-, C-, E- and S-Class appear in order of size. Coupes and sports cars are the reverse: CL (essentially an S-Class coupe) is larger than SL (large roadster), CLK (an E-Class coupe) is larger than SLK (small roadster). And although Mercedes-Benz calls the four-door CLS a coupe, it is just a prettier E-Class.

Off-road vehicles follow no particular order, and are arranged like this: GLK-Class, G-Class and GL-Class range from small to large, while ML-Class is medium. The R-Class is a big, wide wagon. There's neither rhyme nor reason here, so don't expect it to make sense…

The numbers that follow are usually accurate when it comes to engine displacement: E350 is an E-Class with a 3.5-litre V6, while a B200T features a 2.0-litre turbocharged motor.

Some notable exceptions include the Canadian-only C230, which actually has a 2.5-litre V6, and the 3.0-litre turbo-diesel engine option found in the E-, ML- and GL-, which is instead labelled a '320 BluTEC'. Also, the S600, SL600 and CL600 all use a twin-turbocharged 5.5-litre V12.

Mercedes-Benz' most high-performance models are called AMG. Finally, any non-SUV that features all-wheel drive gets a '4MATIC' badge.

## Volvo

The Swedish carmaker's naming system is designed to tell you about its size and body style. Coupes start with 'C', sedans start with 'S', wagons start with 'V' while crossovers start with 'XC'.

The numbers that follow are only relative to size, therefore an S40 is smaller than an S60, which is smaller than an S80.

The numbers that follow after the names relate to engine size, like Audi. A Volvo with a '2.5' badge would be equipped with a 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine, while a '2.5T' would be the same engine with a turbocharger.

All-wheel-drive models get simple 'AWD' badges.

# Creative call from Nissan

**CONTEST** Nissan Canada Inc. Nissan has launched Hypercube, a unique social media campaign that celebrates, recognizes and rewards "social creativity" in Canada, in order to celebrate the addition of the Cube to its 2009 spring lineup.

The company behind the newest example of modern mobility is offering an online stage for 500 creative thinkers and talented individuals from across the country to demonstrate their social creativity and audition for a chance at driving away in one of 50 new Cubes.

Creative thinkers across Canada can get on stage with other talented individuals at hypercube.ca and engage with the Nissan cube community on Twitter@thehypercube or Facebook.

"In the spirit of creative thinking, we are taking a new approach to launching the cube that is exclusive to the Canadian market. Rather than relying on traditional advertising models, our entire campaign is being built around social media to engage with the creative class across Canada, whose members personify the Cube brand," says Jeff Parent, VP sales and marketing of Nissan Canada.

The call for entries is open to anyone who consider themselves creative, hip, interesting or unique, including musicians, DJs, dancers, programmers, designers, bloggers, podcasters, poets, writers, storytellers and artists.

The call for entries will close on April 8 at 12:01 p.m. ET. Auditions begin April 15 and recipients of the 2009 Nissan Cube will be announced by mid-June. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Nissan plans to engage creative thinkers from across Canada through the Hypercube campaign.

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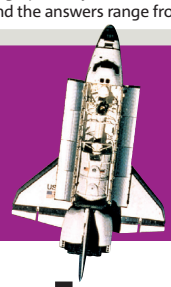

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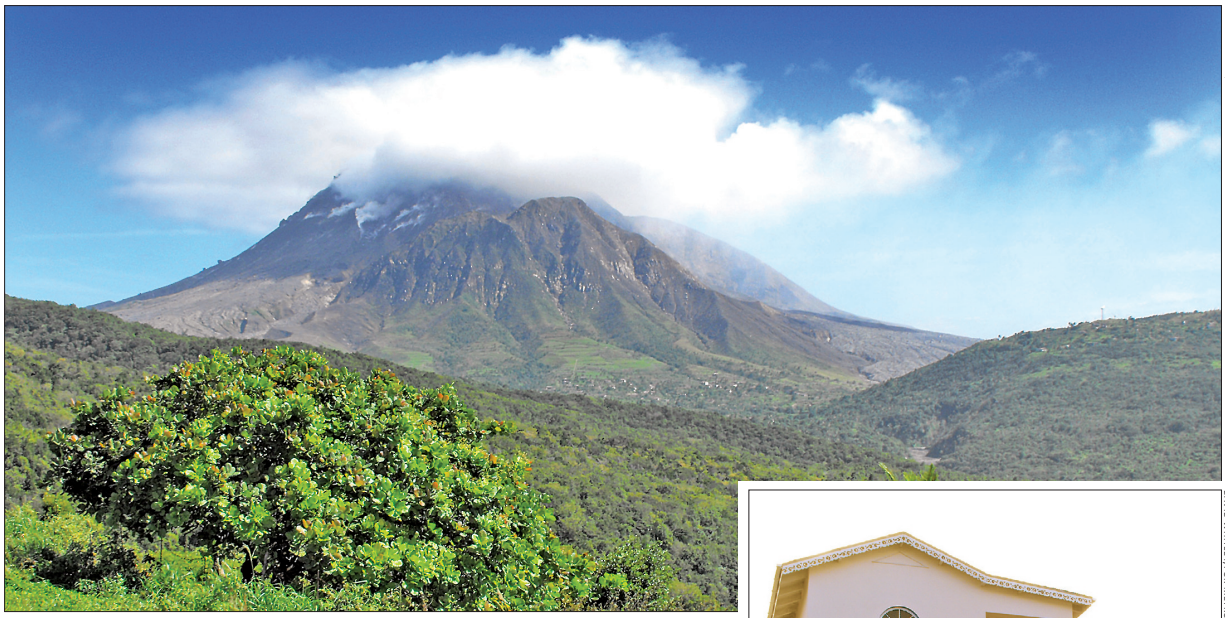
# An island rises out of the ashes

**DAVID WHITLEY**
for Metro Canada

**Gingerbread Hill would have to be one of the strangest guesthouses on the planet.**

It's tucked down the hill off a little side road branching out from Montserrat's main thoroughfare; goats amble across the driveway with impunity and the early morning wake-up call comes courtesy of the cockerels. A gate leads to a rough pathway leading up to a cemetery, and from that gate there is a spectacular view of the hillsides, gullies and the Caribbean Sea.

It doesn't seem so much a guesthouse as a family home in the countryside, and that alone is enough to make for an experience far removed from the stereotypical Caribbean vacation. But this guesthouse also happens to be the best place to immerse yourself in the spectacular, terrifying story of the 1995 volcanic eruption that doused much of the island.



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Soufriere Hills volcano, seen from the Montserrat Volcano Observatory, erupted in 1995. At right, the Gingerbread Hill guesthouse.

Gingerbread Hill is run by the Lea family — or the FamiLea, as they like to call themselves. They're American refugees, having decided to leave home when their favourite hippie haunts such as Boulder and Key West started yuppifying. As they tell it, they wanted to live someplace their children could "grow up a little slower, have a treehouse and a rope swing" and they could "pick fruit off the trees."

David and Clover originally came out to the island as missionaries, but cut the church ties early. David worked as the prison chaplain, ran a youth centre and embarked on a television career selling feel-good programs across the Caribbean. Meanwhile, they gradually did up their house in what was — at the time — the middle of nowhere.

And then the Soufriere Hills volcano erupted. The southern part of the island was evacuated, scientists and media crews arrived in droves, and the Leas were asked if they could help out by putting someone up. They did, and that was the beginning of their guesthouse. There are now four accommodation options, ranging from a surprisingly well equipped backpacker room to a fantastic suite with full kitchen and rooftop sundeck.

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## Getting there

- To get to Montserrat, you need to get a flight with WinAir, fly-winair.com, from nearby Sint Maarten or Antigua.
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With the southern two-thirds of the island now in the volcano exclusion zone, Gingerbread Hill is no longer completely in the sticks. And while there are other guesthouses that are more conveniently located, they don't come with their very own filmmaker.

You see, putting up tourists is only part of the family business. David is the island's resident documentary specialist, and he has shot some of the most astonishing volcano footage ever committed to film.

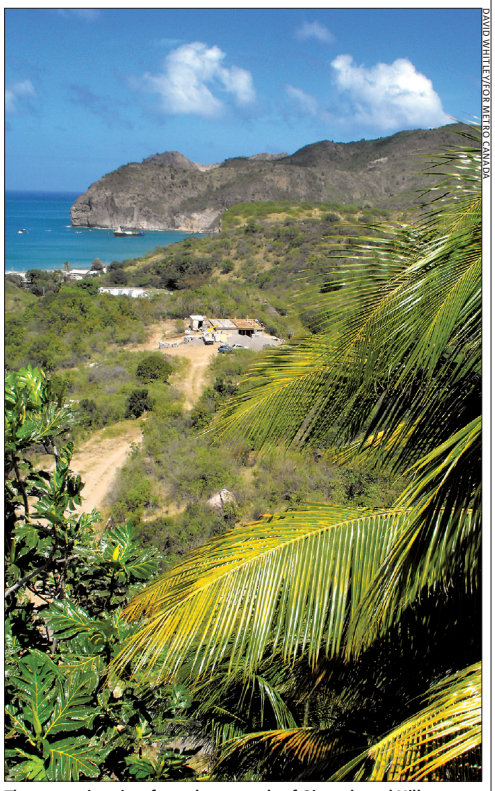
While it is possible for visitors to Montserrat to have a look at Soufriere Hills from vantage points such as Jack Boy Hill and the Volcano Observatory, that doesn't really give a proper picture of what happened to the island. The free DVD in the rooms at Gingerbread Hill does.

Mostly made up of David's own footage, the DVD shows what life was like before Soufriere Hills woke from its 400-year-long sleep. Then it launches into the exciting stuff. Captured are scenes of ash storms, the evacuation of the capital city and a petrified David on a nearby hill as the volcano starts rumbling.

It's played out to the soundtrack of the real life radio announcements that told residents they would have to abandon everything and head for temporary shelters in the north of the island.

What's more, the family members are more than happy to talk about the island's experiences, and will even organize tours to spots within the exclusion zone if you wish to go behind enemy lines and see spectacular valleys of pure ash and mud.

Montserrat is slowly getting back on its feet, although the volcano is still highly active. For the visitor, there's the chance to see things that cannot be seen anywhere else on earth. The views of the buried capital, Plymouth, from either the hilltops or on a boat from the sea are genuinely extraordinary — it is almost entirely buried, aside from a few rooftops sticking out above the debris.



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The expansive view from the grounds of Gingerbread Hill.

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The island's real asset, however, is its village-like atmosphere. Everyone knows everyone, and newcomers are welcomed in instantly. Drop by at a local bar for a beer, and you'll be caught up in conversation or a game of dominos in no time.

It's an attitude that Gingerbread Hill typifies. It's nothing like the standard Caribbean beach resort, and it's all the better for it. Montserrat is something completely, brilliantly different.

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# My God ... it's full of stars

## The town of Tekapo is on a mission to protect the sight of their glittering night skies

**This little town is in the dark and proud of it.**

Where other places greet the night by lighting up their streets and tourist attractions, Tekapo goes the other way — low-energy sodium lamps that are shielded from above, and household lights that must face down, not up.

The purpose? To bring out the stars more vividly.

The town of 830 people on New Zealand's South Island is on a mission to protect the sight of the vast starry blanket spanning its heavens, even as the night sky disappears behind light and haze in many parts of the globe.

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A group of 25 are huddled at midnight on a bare New Zealand hilltop, knees, hands and faces numbed by an icy wind as they gaze up at the Milky Way.

"It's awesome, I mean it's like beyond words," says Simon Venvoort, 46, a management consultant from Amsterdam. "You see so much you aren't aware of."

"You know that two generations now are growing up not being aware that all this is out there because ... half of the world is light-polluted."

The "starlight reserve" idea germinated in UNESCO in 2005. Tekapo, in the McKenzie Basin of South Island, was already on its own track, seeking what locals were calling their "park in the sky." So Tekapo was suggested as a pilot site because of its haze-free sky and lighting controls already in place.

A UNESCO working party agreed last month to study what Graeme Murray, chairman of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Board, calls "a heritage park in the sky."

"We helped make UNESCO world heritage look upward as well as around them in protecting the world's heritage," he says.

The U.N. body has extended world heritage status to 878 historic, cultural, ecological and natural sites around the planet, but none includes the sky.

The idea faces significant challenges — UNESCO's conventions do not mention the space above and around heritage sites, and there's still the question of how to define a piece of open sky for conservation purposes.

The darkening of Tekapo began in 1965 to serve the Mount John Observatory that opened on nearby Mount John. Town officials later turned necessity into a virtue by expanding controls on public and private lighting in a 30-kilometre ring around the town and observatory to keep the sky dark.

Three new housing developments have spent extra money for "sky-friendly" lighting. A skating rink even installed special lighting to prevent ultra violet light reflecting off its ice surface into the night sky.

Not that people here are bumping into each other or driving blind during the night hours. And anyway, there's plenty of starlight, as residents note.

"We're certainly not living in the dark," said Lorna Inch, a real estate agent. "We've got a beautiful sky that we all enjoy many nights of the year. There's a lot of natural light from the stars."

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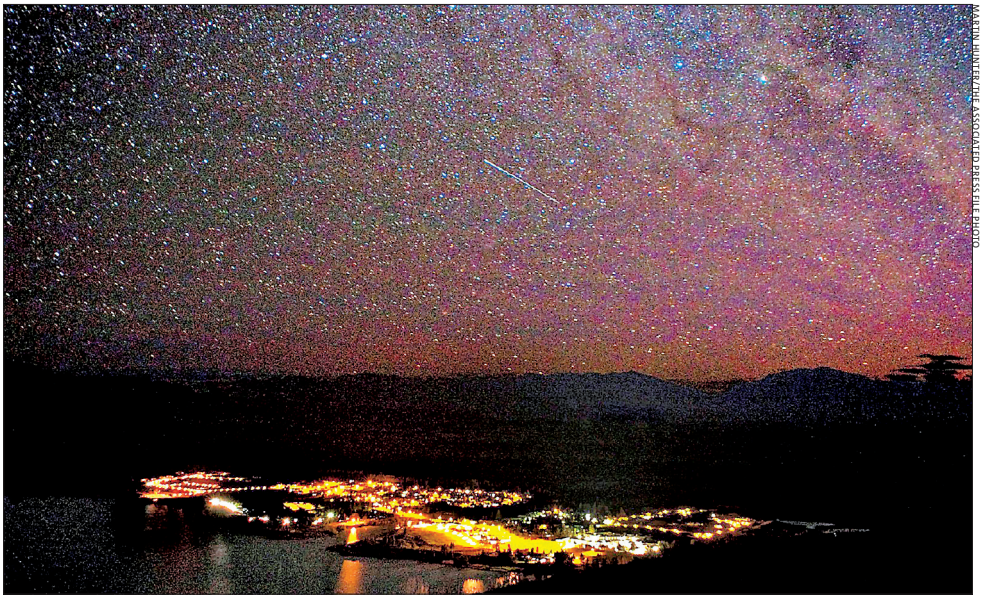

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Stars twinkle over the small town of Tekapo on New Zealand's South Island. Tekapo's town folk are on a mission to protect the vast starry blanket spanning their heavens, even as the night sky disappears behind light and air pollution in many parts of the globe.

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A stone chapel is shown on the edge of Lake Tekapo

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# No whales? No problem

**The iconic killer whales that drew us to this tiny community on the northern tip of Vancouver Island were nowhere to be seen, but that didn't spoil our visit.**

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If you aren't lucky enough to spot a pod of killer whales in Telegraph Cove, there's plenty of other wildlife to see.

There was plenty of other wildlife on view during a sightseeing adventure on the water. But earlier, as we embarked on the ferry to Vancouver Island, we got an unexpected thrill. Just five minutes out of the Tsawwassen terminal, a killer whale and her calf crossed the bow of the giant ferry that links the B.C. mainland to the Island.

Those were the only killer whales we saw on the trip planned specifically to see the black-and-white marine mammals.

Our destination was Telegraph Cove, about a four-hour drive from Nanaimo where the ferry arrives from the mainland.

The drive north begins along the waters of Georgia Strait and winds through vast evergreen forests, past blue lakes and the occasional colourful totem pole.

Telegraph Cove is nestled in a little bay carved out of the rocky coastline. We stayed in a small hotel overlooking the harbour. There are also 120 camping and RV sites available just a short walk from the cove.

Getting insight into the history of Telegraph Cove is easy: At the Killer Whale Cafe, one of the few places to eat in town, the walls display framed articles and other material offering stories about the area.

The community started out as a telegraph station before the First World War, was later the site of a fish saltery and grew into a booming sawmill town.

These days, Mary and Jim Borrowman, owners of Stubbs Island Whale Watching, are the only people who live year-round in Telegraph Cove proper.

It was on one of their two boats that we set out last July with a few dozen other whale watchers hoping to see killer whales.

Within five minutes, a small pod of Dall's porpoises started racing along the front bow, flirting back and forth with the boat and showing off their speed and agility.

Their colouring is similar to an orca's, but they're much smaller can't be confused with that species.

While disappointed that we didn't see killer whales, we were still delighted to see all the other wildlife on the four-hour outing, including humpback whales, harbour seals, sea lions and eagles soaring overhead.

Mary Borrowman said people from around the world come to see the pod of killer whales that spend much of the summer off the northern end of Vancouver Island. July, August and September are peak whale-watching season.

"We are very careful — we have been in business for 30 years (and) we have never guaranteed a sighting, ever," she emphasized.

"It's very difficult to explain to people ... that we are dealing with wild animals in their natural habitat and it is a privilege from Mother Nature when we get to view these animals." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Jungle survival 101

## Caves Branch Jungle Lodge offers eco-friendly treks

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Ching, one of the Caves Branch guides, takes tourists into the jungle for a lesson in survival.

Vancouver-born lodge owner Ian Anderson knows how to keep his visitors busy. Caves Branch Jungle Lodge, located in the Western part of Belize, offers multi-day, eco-friendly treks for the adventurous traveller, from caving expeditions tubing underground rivers, to rappelling rainforest canopies, to mountain biking along Mayan ruins.

While there are plenty of things to do across this 58,000 acre private estate, it was the jungle survival course that piqued my interest. This day-long expedition was my chance to learn the basics of surviving in a harsh jungle environment. I'd learn how to make shelter, find edible plants, and set handmade traps to catch birds and small animals (just the kind of skills this urban dweller might need one day).

From the comfort of the lodge, I set out into the wilderness with a team of well-trained local guides. It's a lot easier to survive when you have members of the Belize Disaster and Rescue Response Team showing you the ropes.

### Online

- For more information on Caves Branch survival courses and other adventures through the jungles of Belize, visit cavesbranch.com

With heavy rains the night before, the path was slick with slippery roots and chocolate-pudding-like mud. Stepping over a swarm of fiery marching ants scurrying single file, I realized that the jungle isn't the most hospitable of environments. There are vines with spikes, trees with thorns, and branches with natural barbed wire. There are jaguars, pumas and Fer-de-Lance snakes, venomous vipers that camouflage along the walking trails and attack if threatened. "One bite from this poisonous serpent can be fatal to humans, so it's best to keep your eyes open and stay alert," warned my guide Ching.

When we arrived at a clearing, the team threw down their gear and launched into their lesson plan for Survival 101.

"Constructing a waterproof shield against the elements of nature is one of the first steps to survival," said Ching. Together, we built an A-frame structure out of sticks, bark and the umbrella-like leaves of a Bay Palm.

I learned that the sap from the gum tree can be used to heal wounds, water from the Cohun nut helps with re-dehydration

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Metro writer Julia Dimon treks through the jungles of Belize on a survivor course offered by Caves Branch Jungle Lodge.

and leaves from the "All Spice Tree" are good for stomach cramps.

Food was the next item on the itinerary. The guys showed me how to build rat traps from branches and improvised twine. With my trap set, I waited patiently. Sadly, catching my very own rodent dinner wasn't easy, so I was forced to look for other unappetizing food sources.

With few fine-dining options in the jungle, desperate times called for desperate measures.

Termites are a good source of protein and much easier to catch than small animals, so I followed my main guide's lead and cut into a beehive-like nest with a pocket knife. A handful of confused orange termites dropped out into my palm. Jungle survival means doing whatever is necessary, so I stuck out my tongue and drowned the insects in a sea of saliva. Surprisingly, termites taste just like carrots. Not only are they good for you, the nests themselves are useful in survival situations. When you burn a termites' nest, the smoke acts as natural insect repellent.

Spending a day with the Caves Branch team hacking through the jungle and testing my endurance, I realized that the jungle has everything you need to survive. You just have to learn where to look.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 8:30 p.m. EST on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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**On the road**

Skip the fried food before heading out on a long road trip, since heavy fried meals can make you sleepy, says a new website called RoadSafetyFirst, launched by TD Insurance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Health heroes of the skies

**If you've ever been on a plane, feeling a little dizzy or under the weather, the thought might cross your mind: How would the airline deal with a medical emergency in the air?**

In fact, it's a relatively common occurrence, and each airline has its own set of protocols for helping someone in distress.

WestJet has seen its number of incidents increase. There were 888 health-related issues in the air last year, including nine instances when planes were diverted for medical reasons, said Mark Frezell, director of in-flight for the airline.

"One, it's due to the growth in our flights, and second, I believe it's attributed to our aging population," he said from Calgary.

Last month, a paper published in The Lancet looked at medical issues associated with commercial flights, and said that almost two billion people travel aboard commercial airlines every year.

Resources to deal with medical situations include basic and advanced medical kits, automated external defibrillators and support from medical staff on the ground, said co-author Dr. Mark Gendreau of Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington, Mass.

HANDOUT PHOTO

During a training session, one flight attendant assists a passenger using supplies from the onboard emergency medical kit.

"To their credit, the airlines have really stepped up and enhanced their ability to deal with in-flight medical emergencies, over, I would say, the last eight years," he said in an interview.

Typically, flight attendants or the captain will ask if there's a doctor on board to assist, and will check credentials before accepting the help. A satellite phone or radio will be used to contact physicians on the ground.

WestJet and many other airlines around the world have contracts with MedAire, an Arizona-based company that took its first call at the MedLink Global Response Center in 1987.

It draws upon the expertise of physicians in the emergency department of Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix, and has access to more than 100 different medical specialties.

MedLink receives about 17,000 calls a year from airplanes, said Heidi Giles MacFarlane, vice-president of strategic development.

At Air Canada, spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick says the airline's top priority is the safety of all customers and crew.

"This is why it is very important that customers with medical conditions such as recent major surgery, or certain known illnesses or injuries, be approved for travel before the departure (48 hours)," he said in an email.

MacFarlane said the typical incidents on board are usually not that devastating. "The most common injury — there are two, actually, that compete for top place. And one is appendage injuries from meal carts and beverage carts, so people get their knees hit frequently or their toes run over from the carts. And then objects falling from overhead storage bins."

On the illness side, fainting is the most common event, she said.

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Our journey included stops in the Bronze Age, the Golden Age, the eras of the Roman occupation and Byzantine influence, with side steps to the paths of the disciples of Jesus, and some of the wonders of the ancient world.

Travelling on an organized tour, we started in Athens, where a third of the Greek population lives and works. The city spreads out below the Acropolis, which glows under lights by night for an awe-inspiring view from virtually anywhere in the city. We joined a crowd on the same stone pathway once traversed by throngs as part of an annual rite, known as the Panathenaic procession, to the site of the grandest of temples around 500 BC.

We clambered past the ruins of the formal entrance, the Propylaia, and stood before the remains of the Parthenon, where a huge statue of the goddess Athena once stood.

Nearby and also remarkably intact is the Erechtheion, famous for massive statues of women used as supporting pillars. Below the walls is the Theatre of Herod Atticus, dating to AD 161 but now restored and in use. From here, we followed the footsteps of Socrates through what was once the political centre of Athens — the Agora.

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The ancient Pathenon temple, on the Acropolis Hill, top right, is caught by sunlight from an overcast sky in Athens, Greece.

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# years in one day

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A part of Palestra is lit by the full moon in ancient Olympia.

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Athens offers enough history to consume months or years of sightseeing, so these highlights are just a sample. But there's so much more outside the city, not only in terms of history but also natural beauty. Marathon Plain, northeast of Athens, was the scene of the Athenians' battle victory in 490 BC over the Persians.

In Delphi, we were again following the footsteps of the ancients on the Sacred Way on the slopes of Mount Parnassos. The upward path brought us past the ruins of the temple of Apollo, dating back several hundred years BC, and the excavated site of the Oracle, whose ambiguous incantations came at a price in sacrifices and donations. Still intact is the conical stone marking the mythological centre of the Earth.

Our next stop, Olympia, presented the route to the site of the first Olympics in a constant contrast between the old and modern: A space-age cable-stay bridge carried us to Peloponnese, a peninsula on the other side of the canal at Corinth. At the foot of the bridge was a well-preserved fort dating to the days of the Crusades. Homes along the way, featuring traditional orange tiled roofs, also had rooftop hot-water heaters energized by the abundant sunshine.

And mountaintops once considered the realm of the gods are now the domain of a newer power — energy. Numerous wind farms have sprouted along high ridges that streak across the island.

We stood at the site of the ritual lighting of the Olympic flame, which even today is lit in the ancient way, using the sun's rays and a mirror, and then under the vaulted arch leading to the stadium.

A bowl carved into the earth provided room for thousands of spectators. And the field is open. We were among the visitors who could not help but try a quick dash across the hard-packed dirt.

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# Aix oozes glamour in southern France

ROMINA McGUINNESS
Metro World News

**The name Provence might trigger visions of lavender fields, gentle games of pétanque and café terraces where men drink aniseed liquor and play cards. But the town of Aix, nestled in a valley some 30 kilometres from the city of Marseilles, not only offers up picturesque landscapes; it also oozes glamour.**

Bursting with culture, history, wonderful markets, fabulous boutiques and glamorous people — women religiously wear six-inch heels, even when grocery shopping — Aix ticks every box when it comes to reasons for visiting the South of France. No wonder the town attracted cultural stars including author Emile Zola and painter Paul Cézanne, and more recently, iconic French big-screen stars Alain Delon and Brigitte Bardot.

No visit to Aix is complete without an up-and-down tour of the Cours Mirabeau, a long sidewalk studded with brasseries, markets, shops and cafés — which also serves as a compass while exploring on foot.

Stop at No. 12, home to the town's oldest patisserie, Béchard, to indulge in some sweet therapy. Local diamond-shaped marzipans known as Calissons d'Aix are a speciality, but the freshly-baked iced-sugar brioche or glazed fruits will also please your palate.

At No. 49 is laid-back brasserie Le Grillon. Settle down on the heated terrace of this friendly café situated halfway down the hustle and bustle of the Cours and you'll get a snapshot of true Aix life. From young university students sipping bitter black coffee to the true bourgeois Aixois grazing on their three-course lunches, this is the place to see and be seen.

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The Carbone Fontaine, Place d'Albertas, Aix-en-Provence.

Stroll down to the end of the Cours to Place de la Rotonde, where the fountain-turned-roundabout marks the original entrance into the town. The fountain is made up of three mesmerizing mermaids, each one representing a different aspect of the town — Justice, Commerce and Agriculture, and Fine Arts.

An entire day should be dedicated to exploring the town's street markets. Stock up on local products including honey, lavender and fresh fruit on Place de La Madeleine where the local produce market stalls open daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then follow the bursts of colours and smells over to the Palais de Justice, where the flower market merges with the vintage clothes and jewelry stalls situated across the street. Sunflowers in one hand and basket in the other, browse through the heaps of jewels and hand-woven silk pashminas.

Last but not least, unwind after your exhausting trek of all the markets, bars and restaurants by treating yourself to a visit to Aix's new Spa, Thermes Sextius (thermes-sextius.com), built above a Roman thermae dating back to 122 BC. Spring water is sourced from the Sainte Victoire Mountain and is naturally 36 C and enriched in calcium and magnesium. Choose between a Zen or hydrotherapy massage, depending on your mood.

## Getting there

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**Johnson on Quest for role**

Dwayne Johnson insists there is "no one else" who can take on the part he wants in The Adventures of Jonny Quest, The wrestler-turned-actor is desperate to land the role of special agent Roger (Race) Bannon in the live-action adaptation. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Entertainment

**Letterman & wife**

And the No. 1 thing to do in Montana: Get married. David Letterman said Monday that he married longtime girlfriend Regina Lasko, before a justice of the peace March 19 in Choteau, Mont. PEOPLE.COM

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# New artists shine

## Junos put spotlight on up-and-coming musicians

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Canada's Music Awards
JUNO Awards

The Stills, above, and Beast, right, are among the nominees for the Juno (Sunday at 8 p.m. on CTV) for new group of the year.

**Despite their recent introduction to the Juno stage, many of this year's new group of the year nominees have been hard at work for years in local bars, festivals and production studios.**

Guitarist-vocalist Warren Spicer from Montreal-based, sprawling retro rockers Plants and Animals said his band has played together for seven years — despite only just releasing their full-length debut. During their incubation period, they carefully crafted Parc Avenue, an intricate, proggy roots-rocker that garnered nominations for a Polaris Music Prize and two Junos (new group of the year and best alternative album).

"(With Parc Avenue) we had no deadlines of any kind at all, and that allowed us to work at our own pace. I think that's the strength of it," he said. "(I think) it was good to let things take their time ... (when crafting the album, since) you notice things you weren't able to detect right away."

Beast's Jean-Phi Goncalves felt the same way. He and vocalist Betty Bonifassi have worked in the industry for two decades: Goncalves as a producer for artists like Lauryn Hill and Bonifassi as a vocalist on projects like the animated film Triplets of Belleville. But unlike Plants and Animals, they developed their craft independent of each other, and played their first show together just a year ago at the Montreal International Music Initiative Awards.

"We say this album took us 20 years to make ... since everything we've ever learned in music and in life we put together in making this album," said Goncalves. "We found it even more flattering and unexpected to see our nomination since we only released the record at the end of November — so we only had one-and-a-half months to prove it (was good)."

The big-beat inflected trip-hop duo's hard work will pay off Sunday, when the pair join fellow new group of the year nominees The Stills, Cancer Bats and Crystal Castles in Vancouver — coincidently the day after Plants and Animals wraps up its tour.

"It's a nice way to end a tour," said Spicer. "The Junos was definitely something we didn't expect — to be up there with Canadian rock royalty ... I think it's great that the Junos recognize the independent indie labels, since that's where a lot of the talent is now."

This year's new artist of the year nominees include Jessie Farrell, Crystal Shawanda, Kreesha Turner, Lights and Nikki Yanofsky.

## Album of the year nominees

**Following are the nominees for the album of the year Juno:**

- **Hedley, Famous Last Words:** Jacob Hoggard's pop-punk band exudes more polish than spit on its sophomore album.
- **Nickelback, Dark Horse:** Haters be damned — these anthem-loving post-grunge superstars lead this year's nominees with five Juno nominations.
- **Simple Plan, Simple Plan:** Multimillion-selling, radio-friendly Montrealers offer a northern brand of Fall Out Boy's boy-band pop-punk.
- **Sylvain Cossette, 70's Volume 2:** Retro riffs, power ballads and piano keys sprinkle the arrangements on this Quebec City singer's second album of cover songs from the 1970s.
- **The Lost Fingers, Lost in the 80's:** This Quebec group interprets hit '80s songs in "gypsy-jazz" style.

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# Madsen enticed by spooky script

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

**You might not think it to look at the Oscar-nominated actress, but Virginia Madsen is actually a big fan of scary movies. And there's a reason why.**

"I'm attracted to ghost hunters and Bigfoot and UFO footage; all that stuff just absolutely fascinates me," admitted Madsen during a recent interview in Vancouver. "I'm just naturally attracted to it. With cellphones and iPhones and all of our new gadgets, I think pretty soon, you're not going to be able to deny that it exists."

Well, whether or not you believe in aliens or the Sasquatch or haunted houses, there's no denying the Sideways star's unequivocal dedication to trying to track down a good ghost story. Madsen insists her latest thriller, The Haunting in Connecticut (which opens in theatres this Friday), was the first truly spooky script she had read in 10 years.

ALLEN FRASER

Virginia Madsen stars as Sara in The Haunting in Connecticut.

"By page three or four, I was invested in the mother and son," said Madsen, who is a mother to a teenaged son herself. "A lot of times, they don't give (characters) a lot of time in a horror film (to develop) so I just loved the script."

The script in question examines a series of horrific events that encounter a family struggling not only with their ailing child, but with an old Victorian home that unleashes a paranormal terror upon its new residents. Based on a real story that producer Andrew Trapani first discovered in 2003, The Haunting in Connecticut is only heightened by its powerful authenticity.

"That's what attracted me to the project," said co-star Amanda Crew (Sex Drive). "It's one of those horror stories that I always like because, not only is it realistic, but you know that it's actually happened."

"The story becomes more frightening when you're invested in the people," added Madsen. "When you're dealing with things that might be under your bed or might be in the mirror or maybe could be in your house, of course it plays on our deepest childhood fears so it's really going to get you on a deeper level."

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**Hot Docs lineup announced**

Documentaries about gay politicians, Japan's dolphin slaughter and Romanian villagers who appeared in the movie Borat are slated for this year's Hot Docs film fest, which runs April 30 to May 10. Acts of God, about lightning, will open the fest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Kiefer talks counterterrorism and kids movies

**Kiefer Sutherland will be back to play Jack Bauer for an eighth season of the hit drama 24, but the show's longevity will depend on its writers, the actor said yesterday.**

The 42-year-old told The Associated Press that 24, currently in its seventh season, will start shooting its eighth in May. He spoke during an interview in Hong Kong to promote the new 3-D animated movie Monsters vs. Aliens, in which he voices the character of General W.R. Monger.

Sutherland, whose portrayal of the counterterrorism agent has made Bauer an iconic character, said he's committed to the show that's revived his career.

"If I was going to liken 24 to a girlfriend, 24 has been really good to me. And I need to be really good back," Sutherland said.

"There are plays I want to do. There are so many different things I would like to do, but I was so fortunate to be part of something like 24 that my focus is still on that right now," he said.

**"If I was going to liken 24 to a girlfriend, 24 has been really good to me. And I need to be really good back."** Kiefer Sutherland

Sutherland said the show's future also hinges on its writers' ability to shape its story.

"The real pressure is placed on the writers. It's a real question about how much they feel they can give and what they can do," he said.

Sutherland, whose movie credits include Young Guns and A Few Good Men, said he hasn't thought much about his career after 24 and isn't worried about being typecast as a Bauer-like government agent.

"I will do the work I want to do and people can accept it or not," he said.

Working as a voice actor on Monsters vs. Aliens, which opens Friday, was a fantastic counterbalance to playing Bauer, he said.

"The relief was unbelievable. For five days a week, 14 hours a day, I'm doing Jack Bauer on 24 and then for five hours on the weekend, I got to kind of proverbially let my hair down and play this character and talk like that and be a kid. I felt like a five-year-old," said Sutherland, simulating the deep, raspy voice of his character.

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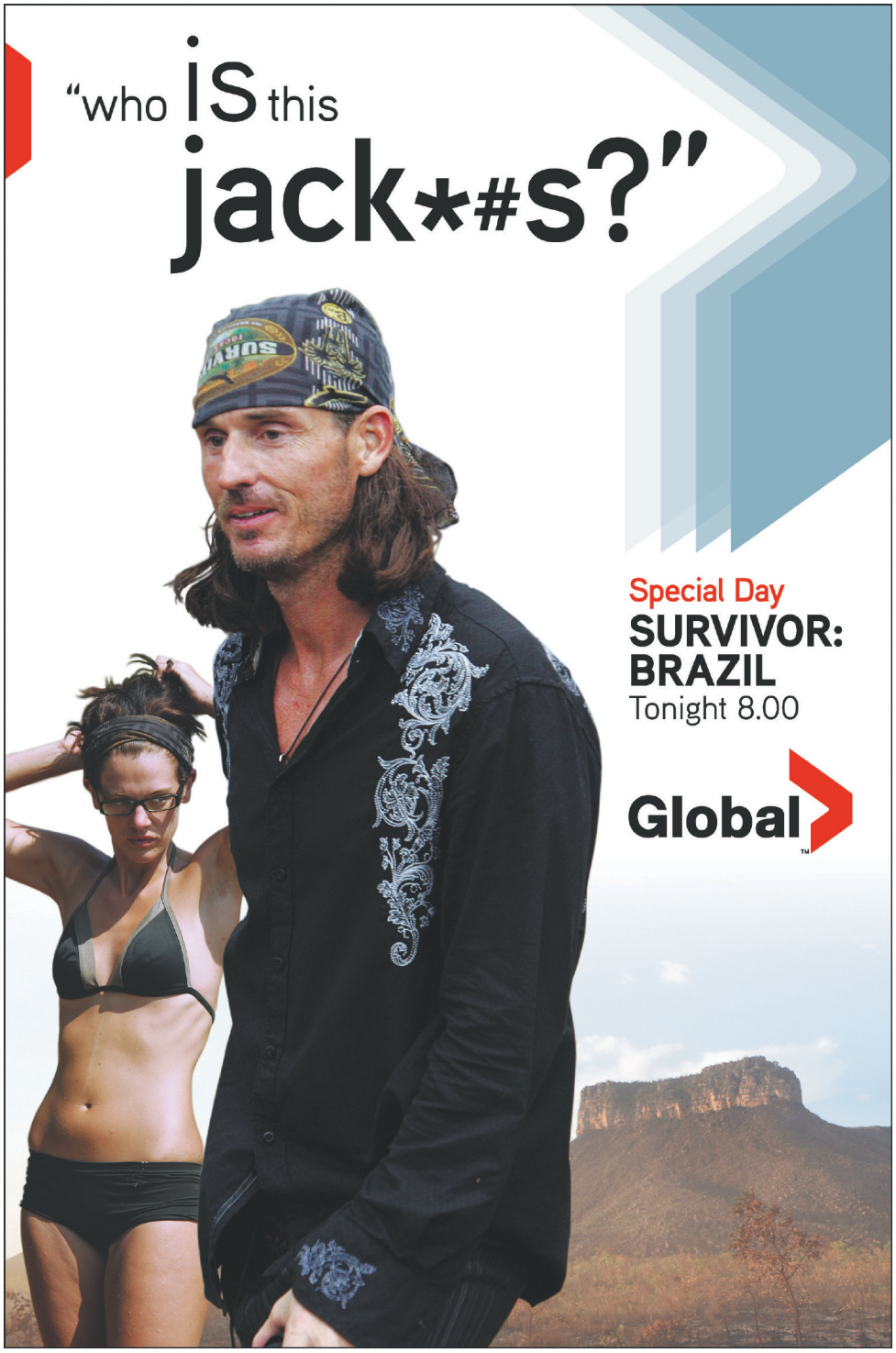


## Nevermind the recession: Radio host goes online

**RADIO** Sitting inside his Hollywood Hills mansion, Adam Carolla and his talk show host pal Jimmy Kimmel chat candidly about pornography, Siegfried and Roy, the modelling industry, gay rodeos and the children's book Where the Wild Things Are.

The former hosts of Comedy Central's The Man Show, wearing bulky headsets, are recording the uncensored conversation for Carolla's daily podcast.

The endeavour was launched last month, after the the 44-year-old's syndicated morning radio show was cancelled when CBS switched the format of KLSX from talk to pop music.

"I understood they paid us a lot of money, and if they just play Justin Timberlake and Rihanna, they'll save themselves a few bucks," says Carolla. "That's the climate we're living in these days."

Since launching Feb. 25, The Adam Carolla Podcast has frequently been the No. 1 podcast on iTunes.

Carolla was surprised as anyone else by the sudden success of his minimalist venture. "We're doing well for a podcast. If we were a TV show, I'm sure we'd be pulled off the air," he says.

Carolla says he plans to stick to his new format, as long as listeners stick around: "It's like dating. If you like me, I'll like you back." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Lopez to host late-night TV**
Comic George Lopez is getting into the late-night television talk show game. TBS channel says Lopez will start a new talk show in November. It will air Monday through Thursday at 11 p.m. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# West credits his creative ideas to dad

**Kanye West credits his dad for his risk-taking attitude.**

"I like the challenge of having to win people over with a new concept," West said in a recent interview.

"My father (Ray West) was a salesman. And I saw him have to talk people into things and expose people to new ideas all the time. And I like that. What's the point if you're not presenting something new to people, that people might not be ready for, and exposing people to new ideas?"

Expect new theatrical ideas when West takes to the road this summer. West will launch a European tour featuring his latest album, 808s & Heartbreak, in July and expects the tour to hit the United States by fall.

Speaking on the set of a recent video shoot for his friend 88-Keys' Stay Up (Viagra), West said he was excited to find new ways to blend his songs together.

"Being on stage, it's the glory," West said.

The producer-turned-rapper-turned-singer has consulted with many of the same people who helped inspire staging for his last set of shows, the Glow in the Dark Tour. They include filmmaker Spike Jonze, who directed West's upcoming See You In My Nightmares video, and The Jim Henson Company.

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Rapper Kanye West.


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**Pumpkins stay together**

Smashing Pumpkins will continue without Jimmy Chamberlin. Frontman Billy Corgan insists the group intends to go forward with its plans to tour and record another album, despite the drummer's departure. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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# The runway shuffle

## Two Project contestants return, two others get eliminated

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**Last night's Project Runway Canada episode was a double-shocker as two previously eliminated designers came back and two more got sent home.**

The contestants were dragged out to a camping ground where designers Jason Meyers and Genevieve Graham, who had already been cut in previous episodes, crawled out of tents to reveal that they had been reinstated on the show, with a catch: They had to win the next challenge or get sent home again.

Designers were split into teams of two and asked to use camping gear like tents, sleeping bags and backpacks to create one avant-garde design and one ready-to-wear dress.

Calgary designer Adejoke Taiwo and Vancouver designer Kim Cathers teamed up but got cut despite judges calling Taiwo's sleek and sexy dress her best work on the show.

Designer Adejoke Taiwo

The soft-spoken Taiwo, 25, says the competition was stressful but despite the hardship she's glad she did it, though getting sent home on what the judges themselves said was her best design yet was painful.

"I did the best job I could on every single challenge. If (the judges) don't want to see me flourish, that's their loss," Taiwo said.

She says she's happy that she didn't bomb out in any of the design challenges and kept to her unique style throughout the competition.

"Before I went, I just thought, 'I don't want to design anything too ugly!' I feel like my designs stood out from the others," she said.

Cathers, 29, seldom shied away from expressing her abrasive opinions about the other designers, though she now wishes she had voiced her frustrations less openly, at least on-camera.

"Obviously I'm the bitch on the show. In retrospect, maybe I could have kept the sharp tongue under wraps more," Cathers said.

She doesn't feel the show portrayed her unfairly, although she does wish her softer side could have gotten more screen time.

"I did say all those things, I did act quite abrasively, but they didn't show all the laughing, all the jokes. I can be a bitch but I can also be hilarious," Cathers said.

From wonky seams to iffy fabric cuts, Cathers' weaker construction skills often didn't live up to her creative ideas.

"My weaknesses and strengths really divided themselves," Cathers said.

### Watch it

- Catch Project Runway Canada Tuesday nights at 10 p.m. ET on Global.

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Kenya Hunt
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## critics'corner

### Stars on Ice

This figure skating special is an international affair, but Canada is well represented by newly minted world champion Jeffrey Buttle and four-time world champ Kurt Browning and 2002 Olympic gold medal-winning pair Jamie Sale and David Pelletier. Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen also shows her moves. 8 PM on CBC

### Stir of Echoes

It may look like a clone of "The Sixth Sense," but M. Night Shyamalan wasn't even a gleam when the novel that inspired this 1999 thriller came out. In this one, the little boy (Zachary David Cope) who sees dead people takes his paranormal ability for granted, but his dad (Kevin Bacon) is a different story. It isn't until after he's hypnotized at a party that he starts seeing his house's resident ghost: a murdered teenage girl. 11:40 AM on PIX

**GaGa for John Lennon**
Lady GaGa wishes she was alive in the '60s, saying: "I might be arguing with Yoko Ono and trying to win John Lennon's heart and chasing The Beatles in a bus on LSD, hoping that one of them hands me a microphone one day." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

## Celebrity Buzz

# I didn't cheat: Jesus

**PEOPLE** Madonna's boyfriend insists he didn't cheat on her — because his mother was watching him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Jesus Luz has blasted reports he kissed lingerie model Luciana Costa, 31, at a party in his native Brazil earlier this month.

"I danced with her, but I danced with everyone at the party," he said. "My mother was at my side at the party and never would I become intimate with a woman if my mother was nearby — even if I was interested in that person."

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## Was Twitter final straw for Jen?

**BREAKUP** Here's another theory as to why Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer called it quits: She dumped him because he's addicted to Twitter.

Sources tells Star magazine Aniston was furious that the singer would claim he didn't have time for her but spent time on the site. "She was like, 'He has time for all this Twittering, but he can't send me a text, an email, make a call?' He didn't deny it," a source said.

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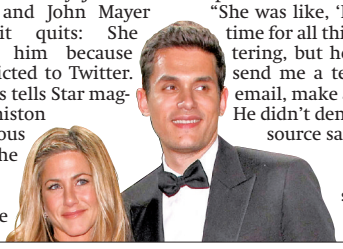

## Stop the stalking: David

**PEOPLE** Fame has gotten ugly for American Idol David Cook, who pleaded for privacy while on tour, people.com reports.

"The efforts by some fans to find our hotel rooms, call our hotel rooms, attach things to our bus, etc., is something I have to condemn," he says on his MySpace blog.

"Should this behavior continue, the only thing we can do is take more preventative measures to maintain our privacy, which in turn makes us less accessible to you."

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## LeAnn, hubby put on a show

**PEOPLE** LeAnn Rimes kissed husband Dean Sheremet, and he put his arm around her in front of the paparazzi in L.A. on Monday — days after Us Weekly reported she was having an affair with her co-star Eddie Cibrian. While Rimes has acknowledged she and Sheremet are going through "a difficult time," she has not denied a relationship with Cibrian.

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# Limelight affects Lindsay

**PEOPLE** Make no mistake; all that time in the unsolicited spotlight hasn't left Lindsay Lohan unscathed, eonline.com reports.

The frequently hounded star has spoken out exclusively to E! News, relaying that the incessant public speculation over the status of her sobriety, the healthiness of her bank account and, perhaps most of all, her relationship with Samantha Ronson has indeed taken a toll.

"They need to stop saying we're fighting," she said of the media's fixation on the ups and downs of her love life with Ronson. "People telling lies about me to her and all this garbage. I'm really a good person and I have a good heart and just want to work and the only reason I go to clubs is to hear Samantha spin or be normal."

Lohan urges people not to believe everything they read.

"I don't drink, I don't do drugs and I don't lie," she said. "I love to act and write and be creative and I want to help people by playing characters that can send a positive message out to whomever may need it." METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Jacko's Harry Potter fanaticism

**PEOPLE** Michael Jackson has invited stars of the Harry Potter films to the opening night of his This Is It shows, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The three main stars from the wizard franchise — Daniel Radcliffe, 19, Emma Watson, 18, and Rupert Grint, 20 — have reportedly been offered all-access passes for Jackson's farewell residency at London's O2 arena in July.

"Michael is a huge fan of the Harry Potter books and films," a source told Britain's The Sun newspaper. "He was utterly enchanted by the magic of J.K. Rowling's novels and owns all the movies and he has bought memorabilia for his collection."

Jackson is said to be such a Harry Potter fan, he owns a first edition copy of Rowling's debut novel Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, which is worth more than $20,000 US.

Around 750,000 tickets for Jackson's record-breaking 50 shows at the O2 arena sold out in a single morning earlier this month. Tickets are so sought after, superstar soccer player David Beckham has reportedly even resorted to phoning up and using his status to ask for passes.

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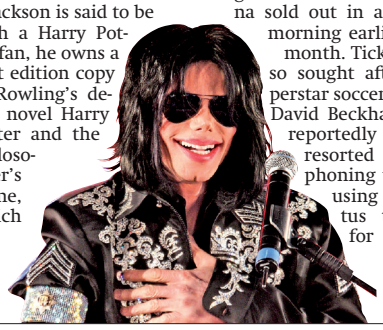

# Rihanna rebounds with Wilmer?

**RELATIONSHIP** Looking to put some distance between her and Chris Brown, Rihanna reportedly got friendly with Wilmer Valderrama at his weekly karaoke night at Geisha House in Hollywood recently, according to the Daily Mirror.

"They were chatting and laughing for ages," a source tells the newspaper.

"They looked pretty cozy and relaxed in each other's company. Wilmer was all charm and even had a bottle of champagne for Rihanna."

Valderrama has previously dated Lindsay Lohan, Ashlee Simpson and Paris Hilton.

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## No laughs over Britney fat jokes

**PEOPLE** Britney Spears' confidence is reportedly being shaken by criticism about her figure. According to Heat magazine, some have been calling her "Bulky Spears" and "jelly belly," and the jibes aren't sitting well with her.

"Britney has been upset by some of the negative feedback she's been getting," a source tells the magazine. "She's worked so hard on her figure and her fitness.

"She thought she was an unstoppable force, but now it's dawning on her that she's not as revered as she once was, which is causing her upset."

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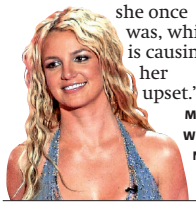

## Gisele and Tom's wedding, part 2

**MARRIAGE** After quietly marrying on a Thursday in February, Tom Brady and Gisele Bündchen are going to do it again — with a few more people on the guest list, people.com reports.

The newlyweds have invited friends, family, Brady's New England Patriots teammates and Bündchen's model pals to Costa Rica for a dinner on Friday, April 3, followed by a Saturday replay ceremony and reception, sources say.

It will be considerably bigger than the first ceremony, attended only by Brady's son and a few guests. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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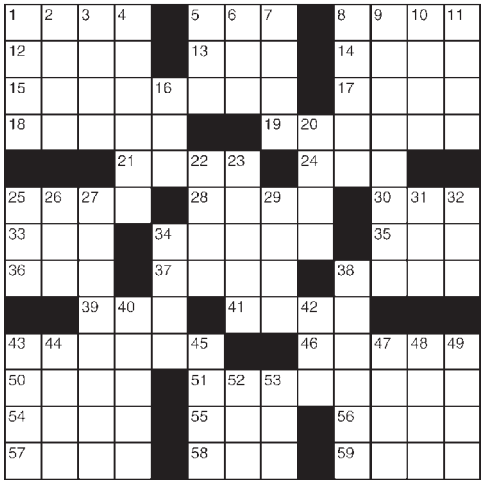

## Crossword across

1 Tackles weeds
5 Miss Piggy's pronoun
8 Rough journey
12 Piedmont wine region
13 Curved line
14 Trumpet
15 St. Patrick's Day emblem
17 Dermatology subject
18 McCain's running mate
19 Northerner
21 Settle down
24 Kitten's call
25 Judicial raiment
28 Creme-filled cookie
30 Shade source
33 Actress Mendes
34 Dress
35 Meadow
36 Quarterback Marino
37 Uplifting melody
38 With "down," drop suddenly
39 Mauna —
41 Places
43 Unexpected
46 Bonfire residue
50 Indigent
51 Attendance check
54 Missile shelter
55 Rage
56 Otherwise
57 Building extensions
58 Kimono closer
59 Cabbage salad

## Crossword down

1 Padlocked fastener
2 Job-safety org.
3 And others (Lat.)
4 "Hard as nails," for one
5 Chinese chairman
6 Killer whale
7 Gross
8 Scottish feudal lord
9 "Saturday Evening Post" artist
10 Sea eagle
11 Last word of "Oh! Susanna"
16 Genetic abbr.
20 Wild and crazy
22 Sushi wrapper
23 Whimsically witty
25 Roulette bet
26 Eggs
27 Wad
29 Outside (Pref.)
31 Writer Buscaglia
32 Treasure seeker's aid
34 Envelope feature
38 Early March baby
40 Marks' replacements
42 Western st.
43 Church area
44 Seethe
45 Small combo
47 Corridor
48 "Born Free" lioness
49 Passel
52 Scepter topper
53 Mainlander's memento

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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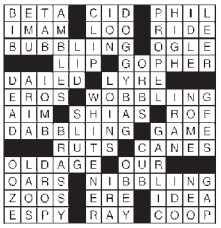

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**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Classic Grilled Dover Sole

**INGREDIENTS:**

4 small Dover sole (about 1/4 lb/125 g each), cleaned and skinned
2 lbs (1 kg) new potatoes, scrubbed
1 large sprig fresh mint
1 tbsp (15 ml) unsalted butter
finely grated zest and juice of 1 large lemon
1 lb (500 g) baby leaf spinach
Freshly gated nutmeg (optional)
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh mint sprigs and lemon wedges to garnish

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat broiler to high. Lay fish on top of foil-lined grill pan.
2. In large pot, cover potatoes with boiling water and add sprig of mint. Cook until potatoes are just tender, about 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, melt butter in small pot and mix in lemon zest and juice. Season with salt and pepper. Brush the lemon butter over the fish and broil until the flesh close to the bone flakes easily when pierced with a knife, 5¬–6 minutes.
4. While the fish is cooking, steam the spinach until just wilted, 2 minutes. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste.
5. Drain potatoes and put into warmed serving dish. Add plenty of black pepper, toss gently and garnish with mint sprigs. Transfer sole to warmed plates and spoon over cooking juices from pan. Add lemon wedges and serve.

**SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You've made an error in judgment. An executive doesn't speak your language. An odd couple talks about changing the world.

**TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Keep track of an amusing competition. Money can be earned the easy way. Make a grab at a big and risky chance.

**GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Cheer up by discussing the dating game. Remarkable pleasure creates a wild diversion. A flaky parent stumbles onto a solution.

**CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A conversation eases the pain of unrequited love. An uncommon man shifts gears while debating. You will accomplish great things.

**LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23
A prudish woman questions your preferences. A nearby object has a strange effect. A guilty person needs medical attention.

**VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A project is suspended by a worried person. The wrong guy is asked to make a job change. More adventures are coming soon.

**LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Spiteful feelings make for an uncomfortable meeting. Your strategy is a controversial topic. Controlling your feelings leads to wonderful news.

**SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22
A man has a chip on his shoulder. A friend faces a long-awaited response. Some errors are made in good faith.

**SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21
A loved one's exhaustion will lift. A walk will do wonders for a caring person. Having second thoughts promises a fresh start.

**CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20
The arrival of a risk-taking friend causes confusion. Whiny people will avoid doing chores. Helping someone out will bring you a windfall.

**AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18
Exhilarating prospects are notable for their thrills. An angry man is forced to have some fun. Some secrets are revealed due to a scandal.

**PISCES**
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A man talks of a viable scheme. You'll get frustrated while on the phone. Be yielding but keep your mind clear.

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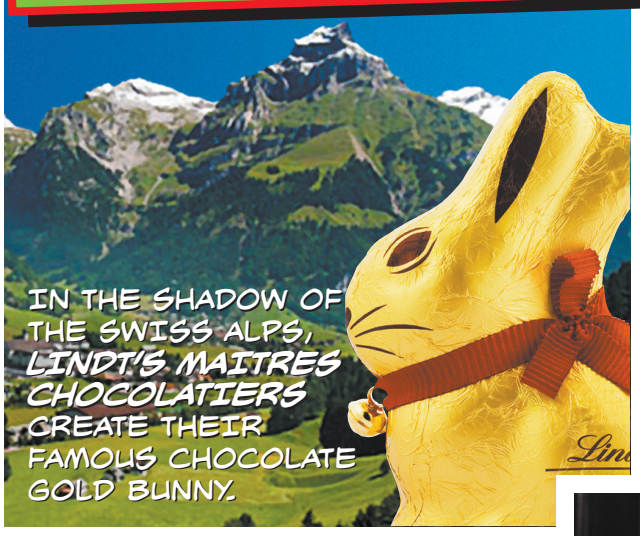

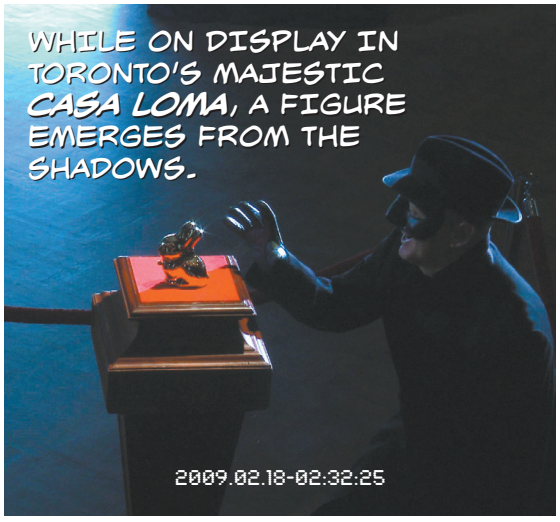


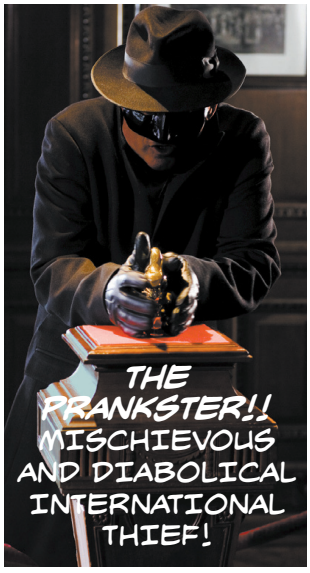

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